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PORTUGUESE GETS THREE YEARS.

Robbery from Japanese Woman.

UNANIMOUS VERDICT.

Without retiring, a jury composed of four Britons, two Portuguese and a Chinese unanimously found Anastacio dos Remedios Marques, who was this morning charged at the Assizes, "guilty" on a charge of robbery by two or more.

The Acting Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell, in passing sentence of three years' hard labour, remarked that he concurred with the jury's verdict.

Marques was not legally represented.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown-Solicitor, who conducted the case for the prosecution, said that the victim of the robbery was a Japanese woman named Seiji Nishikawa, who lives alone on the second floor of 58, Haiphong Road, Kowloon. At about 9.30 p.m. on January 5 she answered a knock on the door of her flat, and found the accused outside.

She recognised the accused as a man who had called on two previous occasions. On the first occasion, on December 31, accused inquired if any Portuguese lived there and then departed. He called again on January 3 and asked if she could give him lodging, but went away when refused.

On the night of January 5, as soon as the door was opened, the accused forced his way into the flat, followed by a Japanese, who, the woman claimed, had also been to the house before.

Both men seized the woman by the throat and demanded her money. The accused also tried to force a potato into her mouth and in the process one of her teeth was loosened. She claimed that a revolver was also produced, but Mr. Whyte-Smith commented that it was probably a toy.

After she had been so roughly handled, the woman told the men where her money was. They took it (\$119) and other things mentioned in the indictment (a silver watch, a Japanese chop, a key and a silk purse) and then left the flat. Whilst the men were helping themselves to these things, the woman had crawled under the bed and she remained there until after they had gone.

Tooth Produced.

Then she went to a Japanese friend, who accompanied her to the Water Police Station. She arrived there with her hair in disorder and bleeding from the mouth. She produced a tooth which she had become so loose that she had taken it out.

The Police went to the woman's house where they found the potato which had been used as a gag, and a Portuguese passport made out in the accused's name and bearing his photo.

The Police then set a watch opposite 28, Haiphong Road which was understood to be the address of the Japanese who had been concerned in the affair and who had not been seen since.

At about 7 a.m. on January 6 the accused was seen to come along Haiphong Road and enter house No. 28. Two Chinese policemen followed him in and arrested him. On the way to the Water Police Station he said that he knew why he was being arrested. He had been to house No. 58 the previous night with a Japanese and there had been a fight.

A Denial.

When charged in the Police Station, the accused made the following statement: "I did not rob anything." When before the Magistrate in Kowloon, Mr. H. R. Butters, the accused made this statement: "I don't know anything. I was under the influence of drink."

The Police searched the accused in the Water Police Station and only two pawn tickets were found on him and these had no connection with the robbery.

Mr. Whyte-Smith then commented that the jury might think it odd that the accused's passport should have been found in the woman's house. There was this probable explanation for that: It was likely that when a man contemplated a robbery he would also contemplate leaving the pawn tickets and the passport in the house. During the robbery it might have dropped.

WAVES RISE 80 FEET ABOVE THE SHORE.

Phenomenon in the Cook Islands.

RESIDENTS TERRIFIED.

Wellington, Yesterday. A despatch just received from Raratonga, Cook Islands, reveals that a terrific submarine disturbance occurred in the Pacific on January 28, a few days before the great earthquake in New Zealand. A series of tidal waves suddenly rose outside the lagoon, though there was no wind and the sky was quite cloudless, and the sea was otherwise calm.

The waves, with a thundering noise, rushed up to the harbour, submerging the wharf, swamping the sheds with foam and spray, and rising to 80 feet. The phenomenon continued all night long and terrified the inhabitants, who caught glimpses through the spray of the ocean beyond, which was perfectly calm.—Reuter.

part out of his clothing unknown to him.

When he discovered the passport was missing and consequently he could not leave the Colony, was it unlikely that he would return to look for it?

Fortunate Accomplice.

Referring to the fact that no money was found on the accused, Mr. Whyte-Smith said that probably the Japanese accomplice had been more fortunate than the accused and had got away with the money, and no doubt was not out of the Colony.

The victim, in the witness box, said that she was a manicurist. When the accused visited her on January 8 to ask for lodging he mentioned that he was working at the Post Office. On the night of the robbery her money was on the table in the flat, under a kimono. She had just finished counting the money which she intended banking the following morning.

Sub-Inspector Rosekoy said that when the accused was cautioned and told he would be detained he said in English: "I slept at the Star Ferry last night. Find the Japanese and he will settle this matter."

Accused's Statement.

The accused elected to give evidence on oath. He said that on January 6 a Japanese friend invited him to dinner. He drank to excess. Then he was taken somewhere by the Japanese, but could not recollect where. At 6 a.m., on January 6 he awoke and found himself on board a Star Ferry launch. Then he searched and found his passport was missing, so he went to the Japanese friend's house to ask if the latter knew anything about the whereabouts of his passport. As he was entering 28, Haiphong Road two Chinese in plain clothes came up and arrested him. As soon as he got to the station he told the Inspector that he was drunk on the previous night and did not know what happened.

Replying to Mr. Whyte-Smith, accused said that it was possible he had been taken to the complainant's house but he did not recollect it. It was not true that he had been to the house before. He always carried his passport with him. When he lost his passport he did not think of going to the restaurant in Yau-mat where he and the Japanese had dinner, to look for it. It entered his mind that probably his Japanese friend might have taken charge of his passport for him lest he should lose it whilst under the influence of liquor. That was why he went to the man's house.

Intoxication, No Excuse. In his address to the jury His Lordship said that in English law intoxication was no excuse for crime of this nature. If they believed the evidence of the woman, then, whether intoxicated or not, the accused was guilty. They might, however, believe the accused's claim that all the blame was on the Japanese, and that he was so drunk he did not know what was going on and only stood by. They must take that possibility into consideration. But, as he had said at the start, if the jury believed the woman's story of the part accused took in the affair, even though the jury believed the accused was drunk at the time, they must find him guilty.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of "guilty" without retiring.

RUPTURE IN RANKS OF LABOUR.

Sir Oswald Mosley As an Apostate.

LIKELY TO RESIGN.

London, Yesterday. British politics are becoming curiously complicated. With Conservatives split by the "Imperialist" Press Lords, as illustrated by the East Islington by-election, and Mr. Winston Churchill aloof on the Indian question, now Labourites are threatened with a definite rupture in their own ranks.

There is a distinct possibility that Sir Oswald Mosley and his followers may resign from the Labour Party in the course of the week. By the middle of the week the "Mosley group" are publishing a pamphlet outlining their policy as distinct from that of the official Labour policy, preparatory to launching a platform campaign in all the principal industrial concerns.

The Press Association's Lobby correspondent foresees a likelihood that official Labour members will interpret this development as a challenge which may involve the question of Party discipline. Therefore, Sir Oswald Mosley and his henchmen may anticipate official action by resigning from the Party.—Reuter.

TURKEY TO REDUCE OPIUM TRAFFIC.

Factories Ordered to Close Down.

EXPORT PROHIBITED.

Constantinople, Yesterday. The Government has issued an order designed to prevent the dispatch of contraband narcotics to foreign countries. The order provides for the closing down of three factories of opium derivatives in Constantinople until they have presented lists of their stocks and the names of the importing countries. A special agent has been appointed to supervise each factory, which in future have daily to notify the Health Department of the quantity of opium purchased and the quantity of narcotics manufactured. The export of narcotics to America is prohibited.—Reuter.

BOMBAY SCENES.

POLICE ARREST 400 CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS.

SALUTING THE FLAG.

Bombay, Yesterday. The Police have arrested 400 Congress volunteers who formed up on the Maidan in the centre of the City to salute the "National flag," including the President and members of the so-called "War Council".—Reuter.

Riots in Rangoon.

Rangoon, Saturday. Further disturbances have occurred in the Tharrawaddy region, the most serious being at Zangibwa. A mob of 400 villagers clashed with 40 military police and 25 villagers were killed.—Reuter.

MUI-TSAI BOLTS.

SPENDS A NIGHT IN POLICE STATION.

OWNER FINED \$50.

Li Sam-kee was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, with having been in his custody a 16-year-old mui tsai, who was not registered in the Colony. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr. Q. A. A. MacFadyen, Assistant Secretary for Chinese Affairs, said that the defendant bought this girl when she was thirteen, since when she had lived with him in Quarry Bay, Shaikwan. Owing to a dispute between them, the girl ran away on Friday night, and slept in a Police Station for the night.

Asked by the Magistrate why he failed to register the girl, defendant replied that he could not read.

Mr. MacFadyen—Where there are no aggravating circumstances, we should be satisfied with a fine of \$50.

The Magistrate accordingly imposed a fine of \$50.

STOP PRESS

London, Yesterday. An amazing new air weapon has completed its tests at the R.A.F. experimental station. It is a "Gloster" single-seater fighter armed with six machine-guns. Two are synchronised in firing through the propeller, the others being arranged in pairs on each wing. All are controlled in unison from the cockpit with sights so arranged that lines of fire converge between 100 and 300 yards from the machine. It has a speed of nearly 200 miles an hour and the ceiling is 26,000 feet. Hence the oxygen carried can climb 15,000 feet in nine minutes. It does 23 miles an hour in a dive.—Reuter.

Palermo, Yesterday. Sicily has been almost isolated from Italy for the past two days. One of the most violent cyclones ever experienced, torrential rains, and strong orchards. Trees were uprooted and railways and telegraphs interrupted. The people of Palermo (the worst sufferer) are using boats owing to the floods. All the rivers in Catania plain burst their banks and many houses collapsed. Four persons were killed and numerous livestock were lost.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Today. General Yamashita, the former Governor-General of Korea, whom the procurators on November 21 recommended to be sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with hard labour in connection with his alleged participation in the Pusan rice exchange scandal, was acquitted in the Tokyo district court. It will be recalled that General Yamashita's indictment followed the exposure of a series of scandals in high places during the Tanaka administration which were revealed shortly after the formation of the present Hamaguchi Cabinet in July, 1929.—Reuter.

Vienna, Yesterday. Five skiers were buried by an avalanche near Innsbruck. One crawled out and another was dug out by rescuers, but his legs were fractured. The search for the three others was abandoned after six rescuers themselves were buried. The latter were safely dug out.—Reuter.

Naples, Yesterday. A woman and five children were buried in a landslide in Posillipo, but were safely dug out, although one child died later.—Reuter.

Madrid, Yesterday. Six persons have been killed in a snow avalanche in Huelma.—Reuter.

MORE DRIZZLE.

The Royal Observatory's weather report states:

The anti-cyclone is central over N.E. China. Fresh monsoon along the Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast.—N. E. winds fresh; overcast; drizzle and mist.

Rainfall.—Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day—0.09. Rainfall since January 1—0.67 inch against an average of 2.77 inches—deficit 2.10 inch.

Temperature.—The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 8 o'clock was:—
Hong Kong 77.7
Macao 77.7
Pratas Island 77.7
Manila 77.7
Fochow 77.7
Amoy 77.7
Swatow 77.7
Chefoo 77.7
Shanghai 77.7

NO FLOWER SHOW

The annual flower show has been abandoned owing to the adverse weather conditions.

LITTLE MOTHER OF MERSEYSIDE.

Death of Britain's First Woman Lord Mayor.

WELFARE WORKER.

London, Yesterday. The death has occurred of Miss Margaret Beavan, the first woman Lord Mayor of Britain, who was known as "the little mother of Merseyside," owing to her magnificent and ceaseless work on behalf of mothers and children in Liverpool.—Reuter.

[Miss Beavan, the first woman Lord Mayor of the City of Liverpool, founded the Liverpool Child Welfare Association, the Liverpool Open Air Hospital for Children at Leasowe, the Royal Liverpool Babies' Hospital, and the Tired Mothers' Rest Home. In 1929 she contested the Everton Division of Liverpool as a Conservative and was made a Justice of the Peace. She had written several articles on child welfare.]

GUN RUNNING IN S. AFRICA.

Posse of Police Come to Grips with Smugglers.

OFFICER FIRED AT.

Johannesburg, Yesterday. Gun running and drug smuggling from Portuguese East Africa has become so rampant that Colonel Colliers, Chief of the South African C.I.D., has taken charge of operations. Sixty armed Union Police encountered on the borders drug and gun runners conveying thousands of pounds worth of opium to Swaziland. The Police fired at Captain Coetsee of the C.I.D., thinking he was a smuggler, but fortunately missed him.—Reuter.

"A CAR MANIAC."

EUROPEAN YOUTH GETS A WHIPPING.

OLD OFFENDER.

A youthful but well-known "joy rider," Eric Fleming, aged 15, made an appearance at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. He was charged with driving Private Car No. 769 without a driving licence, and without the permission of the owner, Dr. J. McElney, at 1.30 a.m. on February 16 in Granville Road. He was also summoned for riding a motor cycle in Litchhick Road on February 12 without a driving licence and without permission from the owner.

Sub-Inspector Mason prosecuted and said he had been instructed to ask His Worship to take a serious view of the case.

Similar Offences.

Sub-Inspector Nicol said the youth was an old offender, having committed three similar offences in 1927 and one in 1929. In 1927 he drove a two-seater, five-seater and a seven-seater car. He was caught on the last escapade in Cox's Path. In 1929 he took a Studebaker car, but the owner refused to prosecute. After that he made a promise to Mr. Burlingham, Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, never to drive another car in the Colony, and had received a thrashing from his father.

Mr. Butters: "Defendant is a car maniac?"

Sub-Inspector Mason: "It seems like it."

In convicting His Worship said that it was not fair to the public and car owners that unauthorised people should drive around in vehicles that were not their own.

Twelve strokes of the cane was ordered to be given.

ANTI-SOVIET PLOT.

SCHEME TO OVERTHROW REGIME OF STALIN.

RESULT OF INQUIRIES.

Moscow, Yesterday. The existence of a counter-revolutionary organisation in Russia has been revealed by a preliminary inquiry into the activities of certain members of the Social Democratic Party, who will shortly be tried by the Supreme Court.—Reuter.

FAREWELL TO MR. W. KENT.

Presentation at Police Recreation Club.

"AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE."

A pleasant function, at which Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., was the guest of honour, was held in the Police Recreation Club on Saturday evening, presided over by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Inspector-General of Police and President of the Club. About fifty sat down to dinner, including Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Mr. T. H. King, D.I.G.F., Superintendents D. Burlingham, C. G. Perdue, L. H. V. Booth, La Bart Sparrow, Mr. A. J. C. Taylor, Chief Inspector P. Grant, Chief Detective Inspector Murphy, members of the Police Force and friends.

The Hon. Mr. Wolfe proposed the toast of the guest of the evening. He first of all expressed on behalf of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Colonial Secretary regret for being unable to be present, and also the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, but he was glad to see an old esteemed friend of the Police present in the person of Mr. Melbourne, who though consistently hiding his light under a bushel, shone very brightly when subscription lists were circulated on behalf of Police objects, his signature always being appended. The speaker also congratulated those responsible on the happy idea of entertaining Mr. Kent in the place which had been his home, and where he had helped during all the years of his connection with the Police.

History of the Club. To enumerate Mr. Kent's activities would mean giving the history of the Police-Recreation Club. Before 1904, the Club as now known was not in existence, but in that year Mr. Hallifax was able to acquire the ground at Happy Valley and a tent erected and the Club formed, to be replaced in 1905 by a match. This was destroyed by a typhoon and the new one erected met the same fate in 1908. In 1917 the old match, having been renovated from time to time, was practically useless, and Mr. Kent and a few others suggested to the Government that they might be able to do something, and in 1929 the present Club House was erected. During all these years every phase of the Club's life and activities could be punctuated with the name of Mr. Kent, he having acted in every capacity—on the Committee, Club member, and Chairman.

Risen from the Ranks. The speaker went on to say that Mr. Kent had given an excellent example—he had shone in sport and also as a Public Servant. Joining the Force as a constable in 1898, he had risen to be Assistant Superintendent, to which rank he was appointed in 1928. He had also served as a Stores Officer and in this capacity he had acted as a model for any A.S.P.'s who did not exactly shine when it came to stores and accounts. They were pleased to congratulate Mr. Kent on the bestowal of the King's Police Medal. To Mr. Kent they owed a debt of deep gratitude. He had set an example that the younger men might well follow—keen and active in sport, as well as a keen and useful Public Servant. Starting at the bottom of the ladder he had risen to the top, being one of three who started as Constables and aspired to the rank of Superintendent—Mr. Kerr, now in Melbourne, Australia, and Mr. Gerrard, whose loss they still mourned. To Mr. and Mrs. Kent on behalf of the Club, he wished long life and happiness in retirement.

After the toast musical honours were awarded, with lusty cheers for both, these being led by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

A presentation was then made on behalf of the Police Recreation Club of two attack cases and an engraved blackwood tray for Mrs. Kent.

Ambition Realised. In replying to the toast, Mr. Kent gave a brief history of his life from the time he ran away from his home in 1890 in his desire to be at sea, but whose parents had not the same desire. During his career in the Marines he travelled considerably, and was in Hong Kong in 1893, and on his return to Britain was most anxious to get back again in spite of the fact that his reputation had been somewhat held in the eyes of the people at Dudley Bartlett.

During dinner music was provided by wireless, and songs were rendered during the evening by Mr. James "Bandmaster" and Sgt. Jenkins of the South Wales Borderers, and later in the evening the company was entertained by Mr. Dudley Bartlett.

ARE THEY PIRATES OR NOT?

Closing Stages of Pedro Blanco Affair.

WHOSE JURISDICTION?

The closing stages were reached this morning at the Assizes in the trial of twelve men for alleged assault with violence on the high seas, off Pedro Blanco, on January 4.

The Acting Chief Justice recalled the master of the attacked junk, with reference to the exact date of leaving Wootung. Witness said that he handed in his licence to the Chinese Customs there on December 31, but the actual date of leaving was January 3.

Witness added that it was customary to engage the steersman each trip. The steersman on the day in question was a new man. Of the remaining four folks aboard, two were new hands.

Later, members of the crew of the Hong Kong trading junk gave evidence corroborative of that of other witnesses for the Crown.

Case for the Crown.

Mr. Fitzroy then addressed the jury on behalf of the Crown. He held that the waters where the assault was committed were in Admiralty jurisdiction, but agreed to leave the point to the decision of His Lordship. Continuing, he held that the crew of the trading junk had been attacked and put in fear of their lives. As to the actual firing alleged, the only people who could possibly know were the crews of the three junks concerned. The sail of the Hong Kong junk was pierced by bullets, although with a rifle of small calibre they would not make any ragged marks. It was, of course, quite impossible for either the s.s. Hang Sang or the s.s. Sochow to have heard any firing.

"What reason would this junk have to fail a ship and go alongside, if they were not being attacked?" asked Mr. Fitzroy. "It is ridiculous to suggest that the other two junks, who are said to have been rowing very hard, were merely out fishing."

Mr. Fitzroy concluded by putting it to the jury that the prisoners were obviously out to steal cargo.

Arms Thrown Overboard.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, for the defence, dealt at length with the evidence of Mr. Moodie. The assumption was, he claimed, that arms were thrown overboard during the chase by the Hang Sang. There was no proof of that at all. Neither was it likely that the two junks would pursue the other until practically abreast of a steamer. Mr. Lo also pointed out that the chase of the trading junk continued for "three long hours," during which time no other vessel was sighted. Also, Mr. Moodie had relied absolutely upon the comrade of s.s. Hang Sang as to what had happened previously. The case is proceeding.

Home. His ambition was realised and he was able to come out and settle down. He had always tried to do his best which sometimes he found most difficult.

To the Police Club he presented two cups—one for lawn bowls and one for golf, the conditions of which he left entirely to the Club Committee. Only by keenness could they win, and only with the spirit of the game could they smile when they lost—and these two Cups would stimulate this keenness. He thanked the Club for the gifts, and also the President for the splendid words concerning his service.

The Hon. E. D. C. Wolfe then toasted "Our visitors."

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, in replying thanked the Police Club on behalf of the visitors for the opportunity of saying good-bye and an revoir to Mr. Kent, for all who had had any dealings with him would remember him, and all who had known him, would miss him. He wished Mr. and Mrs. Kent long life and happiness.

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SILVER PROBLEM.

IMMEDIATE INTERNATIONAL
CONSIDERATION.

URGENT IN PARIS.

Paris, Saturday.

The Executive Committee of the International Chamber of Commerce considered an appeal by the Chinese National Committee urging immediate international consideration of the silver problem.

The Governor of the Bank of China, Mr. Li Kuan-chun, was present at the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce, which was held on Saturday, at the registered office, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, President, and there were present Messrs. Fung Ping-shan, Wong Yui-tong, Li Koon-chun, Wong Chiu-sun, Chan Ching-shek, P. K. Kwok, Kan Ying-po (Directors), Kwok Siu-lau, W. N. Thomas, Pun Hui-cho, Li Lan-sang, Li Pak-to, K. K. Lee, Li Tung, K. K. Wong, Fung Yuk-lum, Kan Shui-ki, Tam Cheong-tsun, Chow Chi-nam, Li Tse-fong, Lui Ming-fong, Kan Tong-po and many other shareholders.

Chairman's Speech.

In presenting the report and accounts the Chairman said:—

Including the sum of \$447,994.65 brought forward from the previous year, the result of the year's working shows a net profit of \$1,456,425.01, which I think you will agree with me is highly satisfactory.

You will observe from the Balance Sheet before you that there are increases in all our principal lines of business, and in view of the increasing funds we have in hand, both the Head Office and our branches are making steady growth in our loan business, and your Directors are satisfied that they are all in a good and healthy condition.

In spite of the adverse trading conditions in the Colony and the general trade depression throughout the world, our deposits show an increase over that of the previous year which speaks well of the future prospects of our bank.

In the Balance Sheet the Furniture and Fixture Account now stands at the nominal figure of \$1,000, all the additions made during the year having been taken care of by Charges Account. In future all new furniture and fixture will be dealt with in the same way.

In order to place our bank on a solid foundation, the Directors recommend that a sum of \$500,000 be transferred to General Reserve this bringing this account to a total of \$2,250,000, or in other words 45 per cent. of our paid-up capital. I am sure you will endorse this sound policy.

The Directors' recommendation of a dividend of 6 per cent. and a bonus of \$2 making a total distribution of \$8 per share is the same as the previous year.

Bonus to Staff.

I desire to express to all members of our staff, both here and abroad, our appreciation of their good services which played such an important part in the success of the year's working. In view of the increased cost of living in the Colony and in order to show our appreciation in a practical way, the Directors feel sure that you will agree to their recommendation to pay to the staff a special bonus out of the profit of this year.

I do not think there is anything further that requires my comment and would, therefore, propose the adoption of the report and accounts as presented. After this has been duly seconded, I will endeavour to answer any question you may wish to ask.

Mr. Kwok Siu-lau seconded.

Carried unanimously.

On the proposal of Mr. Pun Hui-cho, seconded by Mr. Li Lan-sang, Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year, at an increased remuneration of \$2,800 per annum.

The meeting terminated with the announcement by the Chairman that dividend warrants would be ready to-day.

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			Feb. 6, June, June,						Feb. 6, June, June,								
			1931. 1918. 1914.						1931. 1918. 1914.								
			Cts. Cts. Cts.						Cts. Cts. Cts.								
Butcher Meat.									Poultry.								
Beef	Sirloin	牛尾	把	lb.	80	24	12	Chicken	雞	lb.	62	30	31				
"	Prime Cut	牛尾	把	lb.	30	23	11	Capons, Small	雞	lb.	52	28	30				
"	Corned	牛尾	把	lb.	23	12	12	Capons, Large	雞	lb.	58	28	30				
"	Roast	牛尾	把	lb.	30	24	12	Duck	鴨	lb.	40	22	21				
"	Breast	牛尾	把	lb.	23	20	18	Doves	鴿	each	40	22	21				
"	Soup	牛尾	把	lb.	25	20	18	Eggs, Hen (cooling)	蛋	per doz.	35	18	—				
"	Steak	牛尾	把	lb.	30	24	12	Eggs, Hen (fresh)	蛋	lb.	38	25	20				
"	Steak Sirloin	牛尾	把	lb.	41	30	35	Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	62	30	24				
"	Sausages	牛尾	把	lb.	30	20	20	Fowls, Hainan	雞	lb.	50	35	24				
Bullock's	Brains	牛尾	把	per set	15	10	12	Geese	鴨	each	40	24	24				
"	Tongue, fresh	牛尾	把	each	65	50	60	Pigeons, Canton	鴿	each	40	20	—				
"	Tongue, corned	牛尾	把	each	60	50	60	"	Holow	鴿	each	30	28				
"	Head	牛尾	把	lb.	24	18	14	Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	75	—	—				
"	Heart	牛尾	把	lb.	24	18	14	Turkeys, Hen	雞	lb.	60	61	45				
"	Hump, Salt	牛尾	把	lb.	20	18	14	Snipe	鴨	each	35	—	—				
"	Feet	牛尾	把	each	10	10	12	Pheasant	鴨	pair	2.50	—	—				
"	Kidneys	牛尾	把	lb.	15	10	12	Quail	鴨	each	35	—	—				
"	Tail	牛尾	把	lb.	25	20	22	Partridges	鴨	each	95	—	—				
"	Liver	牛尾	把	lb.	24	18	14										
"	Tripe	牛尾	把	lb.	10	6	—										
Calves' Head & Feet	牛頭	牛頭	把	each	\$1.20	\$1.00	\$1.00										
Mutton Chop	羊排	羊排	把	lb.	30	20	—										
"	Leg	羊排	把	lb.	30	20	—										
"	Shoulder	羊排	把	lb.	34	24	—										
"	Saddle	羊排	把	lb.	36	—	—										
Pig's Chubbins	豬排	豬排	把	per set	3	—	—										
"	Brains	豬排	把	lb.	15	15	—										
"	Feet	豬排	把	lb.	18	15	18										
"	Fry	豬排	把	lb.	28	20	—										
"	Head	豬排	把	lb.	18	20	—										
"	Heart	豬排	把	each	15	10	10										
"	Kidneys	豬排	把	lb.	15	10	13										
"	Liver	豬排	把	lb.	48	30	24										
Pork Chop	豬排	豬排	把	lb.	36	25	20										
"	Leg	豬排	把	lb.	42	—	—										
"	Loin	豬排	把	lb.	46	60	70										
"	Fat or Lard	豬排	把	lb.	28	21	—										
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭	羊頭	把	per set	90	60	70										
"	Heart	羊頭	把	each	12	8	7										
"	Kidneys	羊頭	把	lb.	15	12	10										
"	Liver	羊頭	把	lb.	45	25	25										
Suckling Pigs, to order	豬仔	豬仔	把	lb.	25	25	—										
Suet, Beef	牛油	牛油	把	lb.	30	20	15										
"	Mutton	牛油	把	lb.	28	20	20										
"	Sausages	牛油	把	lb.	22	—	—										
"	No. 1	牛油	把	lb.	32	—	—										
Fish.									Fruits.								
Daibei	鮑魚	鮑魚	把	lb.	45	16	24	Almonds	杏仁	lb.	85	35	—				
Bream	魚	魚	把	lb.	24	20	10	Apples (California)	金山蘋果	lb.	24	26	—				
Canton Fresh Water	魚	魚	把	lb.	24	—	—	Bananas (bride's)	蕉山香蕉	lb.	5	4	—				
Carp	魚	魚	把	lb.	27	13	16	Carambola	楊梅	each	12	—	—				
Catfish	魚	魚	把	lb.	25	16	27	Coconuts	椰子	each	13	10	10				
Codfish	魚	魚	把	lb.	25	12	9	Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	25	30				
Crabs	蟹	蟹	把	lb.	30	16	17	Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	13	8	—				
Cuttle Fish	魚	魚	把	lb.	27	23	26	Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	60	25	30				
Dab	魚	魚	把	lb.	26	16	27	Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	lb.	14	—	—				
Dace	魚	魚	把	lb.	32	23	10	Oranges	橙	lb.	18	—	15				
Dog Fish	魚	魚	把	lb.	16	10	8	Pears (Canton)	沙梨	each	16	—	—				
Eels, Conger	魚	魚	把	lb.	24	16	—	Peanuts	花生	lb.	14	10	12				
"	Fresh Water	魚	把	lb.	29	10	8	Persimmons, Large	紅柿	each	12	—	—				
"	Yellow	魚	把	lb.	62	26	25	Plantain	蕉	lb.	8	—	—				
Frogs	魚	魚	把	lb.	60	32	25	Pumelo, Siam	通合羅	each	15	12	6				
Garoupa	魚	魚	把	lb.	20	40	30	Walnuts	胡桃	lb.	18	—	16				
Gudgeon	魚	魚	把	lb.	22	22	18	Grapes	葡萄	lb.	60	—	—				
Horrings	魚	魚	把	lb.	27	13	23										
Halibut	魚	魚	把	lb.	30	18	15										
Labrus	魚	魚	把	lb.	57	32	13										
Loach	魚	魚	把	lb.	44	62	24										
Lobsters	魚	魚	把	lb.	28	32	21										
Mackerel	魚	魚	把	lb.	30	20	20										
Monk Fish	魚	魚	把	lb.	27	13	2										
Mullet	魚	魚	把	lb.	32	12	2										
Oysters	魚	魚	把	lb.	21	14	9										
Parrot Fish	魚	魚	把	lb.	23	30	15										
Perch	魚	魚	把	lb.	30	16	9										
Pike	魚	魚	把	lb.	32	36	29										
Plaice	魚	魚	把	lb.	48	36	30										
Pomfret, White	魚	魚	把	lb.	38	36	45										
Pomfret, Black	魚	魚	把	lb.	53	10	14										
Prawns	魚	魚	把	lb.	15	10	14										
Ray	魚	魚	把	lb.	20	13	18										
Rock Fish	魚	魚	把	lb.	28	22	10										
Roach	魚	魚	把	lb.	50	86	80										
Salmon	魚	魚	把	lb.	16	8	10										
Shark	魚	魚	把	lb.	38	32	28										
Skate	魚	魚	把	lb.	40	28	28										
Shrimps	魚	魚	把	lb.	28	22	28										
Snapper	魚	魚	把	lb.	27	26	85										
Solen	魚	魚	把	lb.	28	12	12										
Tench	魚	魚	把	lb.	1.05	40	—										
Turbot	魚	魚	把	lb.	1.05	40	—										
Truffles, small, fr. water	魚	魚	把	lb.	1.05	40	—										

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SPORT - NOTICES

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.

February 28, March 2, 3, 4, and 7, 1931.

ON SATURDAY, February 28, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. On the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES & ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax—or \$40 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5 and \$20, respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Club.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1 per day, including tax. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

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Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same, and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 11, 1931.

TRINITY COLLEGE OF MUSIC, LONDON.

LOCAL EXAMINATIONS. 18th JUNE, 1931.

The Last Day of Entry for Forthcoming Examinations in THEORY & PRACTICAL will be 10th March, 1931. Entry Forms may be obtained from the Local Secretary.

WM. ANDERSON,
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Company, Ltd.

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AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS AND SURVEYORS.

Public Auctions

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

FRIDAY, February 27, 1931,

commencing at 10.30 a.m.,

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Hong Kong, February 21, 1931.

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"Let Us Be Gay"

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COMPANY MEETINGS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 24th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 14th February to TUESDAY, 16th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at City Hall, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1930.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th February to SATURDAY, the 28th February, 1931, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 9th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND

ELEVENTH ORDINARY

MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

in the Company will be held at

the Office of the Company, 1

Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong

Kong, on THURSDAY, 5th March,

1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose

of receiving a Report of the Directors,

together with a Statement of

Accounts, and Electing Directors

and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of

the Company will be CLOSED from

FRIDAY, 20th February, 1931, to

THURSDAY, 5th March, 1931,

both days inclusive, during which

period NO transfer of shares can

be registered.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 6th February, 1931.

THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the FORTY-SECOND

ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING

will be held at the Company's

Offices, P. & O. Building, on WED-

NESDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11

a.m. for the purpose of presenting

the Report of the Directors to-

gether with a Statement of Ac-

counts to 31st December, 1930,

and electing Directors and Au-

ditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS

of the Company will be CLOSED

from 5th March, 1931, to 18th

March, 1931, both days inclusive,

during which period no Transfer

of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of

Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 19th Feb. 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the 42nd ORDINARY

ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders

will be held at the Offices of the

Company, Exchange Building, Des

Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong

Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th

day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m.,

ROUND THE CINEMAS

"THE GOLDEN CALF"—FIRST SCREENING.

"1812" FILMED.

"The Golden Calf" is the old, old story of the plain blue-stocking who suddenly proves to be beautiful, to the astonishment of her employer whom she marries just before the end of the film, by then having reduced the poor man to the state of the rabbit fascinated by the snake. Blackneyed, you will say—but never dull. And so it is; that story has always won people's affection, and always will.

The Perfect Leg.

"The Golden Calf" is a delightful picture, simple and amusing, and Sue Carol as the spectacled Miss Prim (who, by the way, has the perfect leg which brings her fame and fortune—hence the title) acts with her usual, natural, effective grace, and her transformation into the dark-eyed Virginia is well done and cleverly sustained. The film concludes with a revue with a remarkable scenic background of the solar system in which Sue Carol is the Lady in the Moon. The words of the songs sung are rather rubbishy, slang, and ungrammatical.

Prior to this picture there appeared a Fox newsreel, a boisterous comedy, "Knights Out," (which you will enjoy), and a sound-film impression of what Tchaikovsky was thinking of when he composed the "1812" overture.

"THE BIG POND."

Claudette Colbert speaks perfect Parisian French without a trace of English accent.

Maurice Chevalier, Parisian of Parisians, is the authority for this statement.

And Claudette Colbert speaks English without a trace of French accent, as millions of stage and screen theatre patrons who have seen and heard her will admit.

The explanation of this unusual bilingualism is that Miss Colbert was born in France and lived there until she was in her early teens. Then she went to America with her parents and attended schools there until she made her stage debut a few years ago. In the intervening years she mastered English without acquiring any suggestion of French accent.

Her complete mastery of the two languages provided her with the unusual opportunity of playing the leading feminine role opposite Chevalier in both the American and French all-talking versions of "The Big Pond," in which "the big happiness man from Paris" is starring in the Central Theatre and will be shown for the last time to-day.

"TRUE TO THE NAVY."

Clara Bow has two surprises for her friends in "True to the Navy." Her "flapper" bob is gone. The "Red Head" has let her hair grow, and blow. At shoulder-length, it floats free, unhampered. And Clara sings in "True to the Navy," the Central Theatre feature for to-morrow. A real Bow song, "There is Only One Who Matters to Me," was written for her.

Enough sailors to man a small-sized battleship were assembled in the Paramount studio in Hollywood for the filming of Clara Bow's new romance, "True to the Navy." Fredric March, seen opposite Miss Bow in "The Wild Party," heads the list. Several scenes of life on board a seafighter are features of the picture. Harry Green is featured in the supporting cast.

"KING OF JAZZ."

A Swift melodic panorama of a sure fire hit song is the "Happy Feet" number in Universal's spectacular extravaganza, "King of Jazz," starring Paul Whiteman, and coming to the Central Theatre soon. There are eight big numbers in this extravaganza which was directed by John Murray Anderson, famed creator of New York musical shows.

Paul Whiteman and his orchestra, the famous Russell Markert Dancers, the Rhythm Boys, The Sisters G, Al Norman, eccentric dancer, and Charles Irwin, master of ceremonies are in this number which has as its song hit, "I've Got Those Happy Feet," an original by Milton Arger and Jack Yellen, scored by Ferde Grofe, the musical genius who originally scored George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" and who scored the music not only for the "Happy Feet" number but for the entire "King of Jazz."

"HIGHWAY ROBBERY."

A highway robbery with violence took place at Shaukiwan on Saturday evening, when Cheng Shing was set upon by three men dressed in clothes of American style, and robbed of a \$5 note. The victim is a vegetable hawker and resides at No. 18, Kam Wah Street.

One of the desperadoes has been arrested.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:—

5.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7.10.30 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. & Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.
7.02-7.45 p.m.—Variety.

Orchestral—
Homesick (Sentia),
Marek Weber and His
Orchestra (2).

Humorous Song—
Cute Little Flat,
When You've Gone,
Gracie Fields (3134).

Chorus—
Nola,
Among my Souvenirs,
The Reveliers (21100).

Organ Solo—
Why do I Love You?
Make Believe,
Edward O'Henry (2862).

Dialogue—
The Stocking,
John Henry and Blossom
(2593).

Song—
Down in Our Village in
Zimmerzet,
Norman Long (2296).

String Orchestra—
Us & Company,
Leonard Joy's String Orch.
(22569).

Chorus—
Eton Boating Song (Kaps),
Eton College Musical Society
(2774).

7.45-8.08 p.m.—Orchestral.
In a Clock Store (Orth),
New Light Symphony Orch.
(1808).

Hush (Douglas),
Love's Dream After the Ball
(Czibulka),
Super Cinema Orchestra
(1844).

Roses of the South (Strauss),
Wine, Women & Song (Strauss),
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
(1452).

8.08-8.31 p.m.—Talkie Hits.
Song—
March of the Grenadiers
(from "The Love Parade"),
My Dream Lover
(from "The Love Parade"),
Jeanette MacDonald, Soprano
(3282).

Chorus—
Never Swat a Fly
(from "Just Imagine"),
McKinney's Cotton Picker
(32020).

Orchestral—
Puttin' on the Ritz—Selections,
Happy Days—Selections,
New Mayfair Orchestra
(1893).

Song—
You Brought a New Kind of Love
to Me (from "The Big Pond"),
Livin' in the Sunlight—Livin' in the
Moonlight (from "The Big Pond"),
Maurice Chevalier, Baritone
(22405).

Humorous Song—
I Owe You (from "Dangerous Man
McGrew"),
Helen Kane. (22407).

8.31-9 p.m.—Chamber Music.
Pianoforte Duo—
Impromptu—Rococo (Schutt),
Harold Bauer and Ossip
Gabrilowitsch on two
Pianos (8162).

Violin Solo—
Jota (de Falla),
Fuck (Grieg),
Jascha Heifetz (6848).

Pianoforte Solo—
Staccato Etude (Rubinstein),
Mitschke Levitzki (1489).

String Bass Solo—
Chanson Triste (Koussevitzky),
Serge Koussevitzky (7169).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.

9.05 p.m.—From the Studio
Readings from Shakespeare by
Members of the A.D.C.

9.15 p.m. (approx.)—Studio Con-

cert.
Pianoforte Solo—Mr. Harry Ore,
a. Gavotte (Valentini),
b. The Bagpipe (Hiller),
c. Black Key Study (Chopin).

Songs—Mrs. A. Bolton (Contralto),
Accompanied by Mrs. G. Mitchell.
a. The Little Dandel (Novello),
b. Come See Where Golden Hearts
Spring (Handel).

Songs—Mr. W. H. Bailey (Baritone),
Accompanied by Mr. C. Dudley
Bartlett.
a. Beauty Refr (Samuel Pepys),
b. Fill the Glass With Golden
Wine (Robert Quilter).

Songs—Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor),
Accompanied by Mr. C. Dudley
Bartlett.
a. A Farewell (C. Kingsley &
Hiddle),
b. I Hear You Calling Me (Charles
Marshall).

Pianoforte Solo—Mr. Harry Ore,
a. Nocturne for Left Hand
(Schubert),
b. Valse from "Eugene Onegin"
(Tchaikovsky).

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Spring (Handel).

Songs—Mr. W. H. Bailey (Baritone),
Accompanied by Mr. C. Dudley
Bartlett.
a. When the Swallows Homeward
Fly (M. V. White),
b. Awake Beloved (F. Cowen).

Songs—Mr. H. G. Annis (Tenor),
Accompanied by Mr. C. Dudley
Bartlett.
a. My Dreams (Tosti),
b. The Songs My Mother Sang
(A. E. Grimshaw).

Duet—Mr. H. G. Annis & Mr. W. H.
Bailey. Accompanied by Mr.
C. Dudley Bartlett.
The Moon That Raised Her Lamp
Above (Sir J. Bennet).



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TATSUTA MARU	Wednesday,	18th March.
SEATTLE, VICTORIA via Shanghai & Japan Ports.		
HIYEMARU	Thursday,	26th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Suez.		
HIKONE MARU	Saturday,	7th March.
SUWA MARU	Saturday,	21st March.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.		
ATSUTA MARU	Thursday,	26th March.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.		
TOKIWA MARU	Friday,	27th February.
KAGA MARU	Wednesday,	11th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.		
HEIYO MARU	Thursday,	5th March.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Port.		
KAWACHI MARU	Wednesday,	25th February.
KANAGAWA MARU	Tuesday,	14th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.		
TAKETOYO MARU	Thursday,	12th March.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.		
LYONS MARU	Saturday,	14th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
CALCUTTA MARU	Sunday,	1st March.
PENANG MARU	Sunday,	8th March.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.		
MURORAN MARU	Saturday,	28th February.
TANGO MARU	Monday,	2nd March.
HAKOZAKI MARU	Friday,	6th March.

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SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Amazon Maru	Tues.	10th Mar.
RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Saigon, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Hawaii Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Sumatra Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOHOMBA via Singapore & Colombo.	Panama Maru	Tues.	3rd Mar.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Sydney Maru	Fri.	6th Mar.
CALCUTTA via Singapore & Rangoon.	Tacoma Maru	Wed.	4th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru	Tues.	31st Mar.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Hokuroku Maru	Thurs.	19th Mar.
JAPAN PORTS (Bright Service).	Burma Maru	Mon.	23rd Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow & Pakhoi (Fortnightly).	Menade Maru	Thurs.	6th Mar.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Canton Maru	Sun.	1st Mar.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs.	26th Feb.

For further particulars please apply to: OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.
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NAUTICAL SCHOOLS.

UNITED STATES MOVE FOR THEIR EXTENSION.

An extension of the programme for the development of institutions for the education and training of young men to serve as officers in the mercantile marine is being advocated by the Propeller Club of America.

In a communication to President Hoover, demanding adequate training facilities, the Propeller Club states that its members are vitally interested in the adequate training of American youth for positions of

command and responsibility on board the vessels of the mercantile marine, and they strongly urge the continuance of the institutions already established and the formation of additional State mercantile marine academies or State nautical schools.

They also suggest that such academies or schools be given all possible aid by the Federal Government, such as land grants for the establishment of suitable shore bases, the construction of specially designed training ships, and such monetary assistance as these institutions require in addition to the aid received from their respective States.

EMPRESS OF RUSSIA. MARINE INSURANCE.

PROMINENT VISITORS TO THE COLONY.

The following passengers arrived in Hong Kong by the s.s. Empress of Russia to-day:

Mr. E. W. Knight, of Chicago, Professor in the Rockefeller Institute. He is touring with the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry Party.

Miss J. E. Budd, Mr. E. H. Cressy, Dr. W. G. Lennox, Dr. L. E. Lewis, Mr. A. G. Davidson, Dr. T. H. P. Saller, Dr. S. R. Fisher, Miss H. Harrison, Miss A. Seesholtz, of the Laymen's Foreign Missions Inquiry Party, under the leadership of Miss Harrison. They will tour China going as far as Canton and working via Coast points.

Mr. E. Thwaites, Canadian Pacific Auditor for the Far East. He is in conference with Mr. F. J. Samways of Vancouver, B.C. who is making a round trip in the interests of the Canadian Pacific Steamships.

Mrs. and Miss E. W. Stagg, wife of the Assistant Manager at Shanghai of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank Corporation. They are on a short visit to Hong Kong.

Mr. J. Baud, connected with Gerin, Drevard & Co. Hong Kong. He has been on a business visit to Shanghai.

Col. M. H. Logan, Architect of Shanghai. He is on a business and pleasure trip to Hong Kong.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:

Bridgewater—South wall.
Cumberland—West wall dock.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Iroquois—North wall.
Kent—North wall.
Marathon—No. 4 buoy.
Medway—No. 2 buoy.
Odin—No. 2 buoy.
Osiris—In dock.
Oswald—In dock.
Otus—No. 2 buoy.
Petersfield—North wall.
Sandwich—No. 13 buoy.
Sepoy—No. 11 buoy.
Seraph—No. 12 buoy.
Sirdar—South wall.
Sterling—In dock.
Stormcloud—No. 11 buoy.
Suffolk—No. 6 buoy.
Tamar—Basin.
Thracian—No. 12 buoy.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Hai Hung—Chinese gunboat.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. Oregon Star are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 24.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. Baron Saltoun are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 26.

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PRES. LINCOLN.

PROMINENT VISITORS TO THE COLONY.

The s.s. President Lincoln arrived at Hong Kong on February 23 from Los Angeles, via San Francisco, Honolulu, Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai, with 13 first class and 102 steerage passengers and 587 bags of mail. For Manila are 40 first class passengers. Passengers for Hong Kong are:

Dr. John Lake, accompanied by Rev. Daniel R. Bollin, returning to Dr. Lake's Leper Colony Island of Tai-kag, off the China Coast. Dr. Lake has been a missionary in the Orient for 27 years.

Mr. Edward L. Varney, Chief Construction Engineer with the C. F. Braun & Co. Mr. Varney is on a business trip to the Orient.

Mr. Hiram S. Coppage, of the Standard Oil Company of New York, stopping in Hong Kong before continuing to Manila.

Mr. Charles E. Kirby, a merchant, on a business trip to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

Mr. Kurt Schaffer, a merchant, on a business trip to Hong Kong from Shanghai.

FELIX ROUSSEL.

SQUARE-FUNNELLED FRENCH SHIP.

A photograph of the new French motorship Felix Roussel shows a departure from the ordinary in the provision of square funnels.

The ship is owned by the Messageries Maritimes and is for their China-Japan Line, having been built at the St. Nazaire Yard of the Ateliers et Chantiers de la Loire. The Felix Roussel is 566 ft. long overall, with a beam of 68 ft. and a depth of 46.4 ft. whilst the draught is 27.8 ft. and the displacement 20,945 tons. The gross register is 15,000 tons. Ten thousand two hundred tons of cargo can be carried and there is accommodation for 190 first class, 113 second class and 90 third-class passengers. Her service speed is 16½ knots and she is equipped with two French-built Sulzer engines each developing 5,000 h.p. at 100 to 110 r.p.m. She has just been followed by the Jean Laborde, also for the Messageries Maritimes.

STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. Tilawa left Singapore for this port on February 20, p.m., and is due here on February 26, a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on February 20 (Fri.) at 3 p.m., left Shanghai on February 21 (Sat.) at 11 a.m., and was due at Hong Kong to-day (Mon.) at 8 a.m. She leaves Hong Kong for Manila to-day at 5 p.m., subject to all cargo being discharged in time.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Japan arrived at Vancouver on February 20 (Fri.) at 2 p.m., leaves Vancouver on February 28 (Sat.), and is due at Hong Kong on March 20 (Fri.). She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on March 21 (Sat.) at 5 p.m.

The P. & O. s.s. Rawalpindi left Singapore for this port on February 22 at 9 a.m. with the outward English Mail, and is due here on February 26 at about noon.

The E. & A. s.s. Tandra left Mof for this port on February 21, p.m., and is due here on February 26 at about daylight.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Australia (R.F. Cruise) arrived at Woonung on February 21 (Sat.) at 8 a.m., left Woonung on February 21 (Sat.) at 11 p.m., and is due at Chinwangtao on February 24 (Tues.) at 5 a.m. She leaves Chinwangtao on March 1 (Sun.) at 8 p.m.

The Ben Line s.s. Benbrackie from Leth, Immingham, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on February 21, and is due to arrive here on February 28.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. Empress of Asia arrived at Nagasaki on February 22 (Sun.) at 4.30 p.m., left Nagasaki on February 23 (Mon.) at 4 a.m., and is due at Kobe on February 24 (Tues.) at 4 a.m. She leaves Kobe on February 24 (Tues.) at 6 p.m.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC 12 DAYS FROM CHINA AND 8 DAYS FROM JAPAN TO CANADA AND U.S.A.

From	Ship	Leave	Arrive
Hong Kong	Empress of Canada	Mar. 5	Mar. 10
Shanghai	Empress of Russia	Mar. 18	Mar. 24
Yokohama	Empress of Japan	Apr. 1	Apr. 7
Kobe	Empress of Asia	Apr. 10	Apr. 16
Manila	Empress of Canada	Apr. 25	Apr. 30
San Francisco	Empress of Japan	May 8	May 14
Los Angeles	Empress of Asia	May 23	May 29
San Francisco	Empress of Canada	June 5	June 11
Los Angeles	Empress of Japan	June 18	June 24
San Francisco	Empress of Asia	July 3	July 9
Los Angeles	Empress of Canada	July 18	July 24
San Francisco	Empress of Japan	Aug. 1	Aug. 7
Los Angeles	Empress of Asia	Aug. 10	Aug. 16
Manila	Empress of Canada	Aug. 25	Aug. 30
San Francisco	Empress of Japan	Sept. 8	Sept. 14
Los Angeles	Empress of Asia	Sept. 23	Sept. 29

* (Call at Nagasaki the day after departure from Shanghai)
† Calls at Honolulu on June 5. ‡ Calls at Honolulu on May 8.

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TUES. 24th FEBRUARY.

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PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS:

Per s.s. President Lincoln on February 22:—
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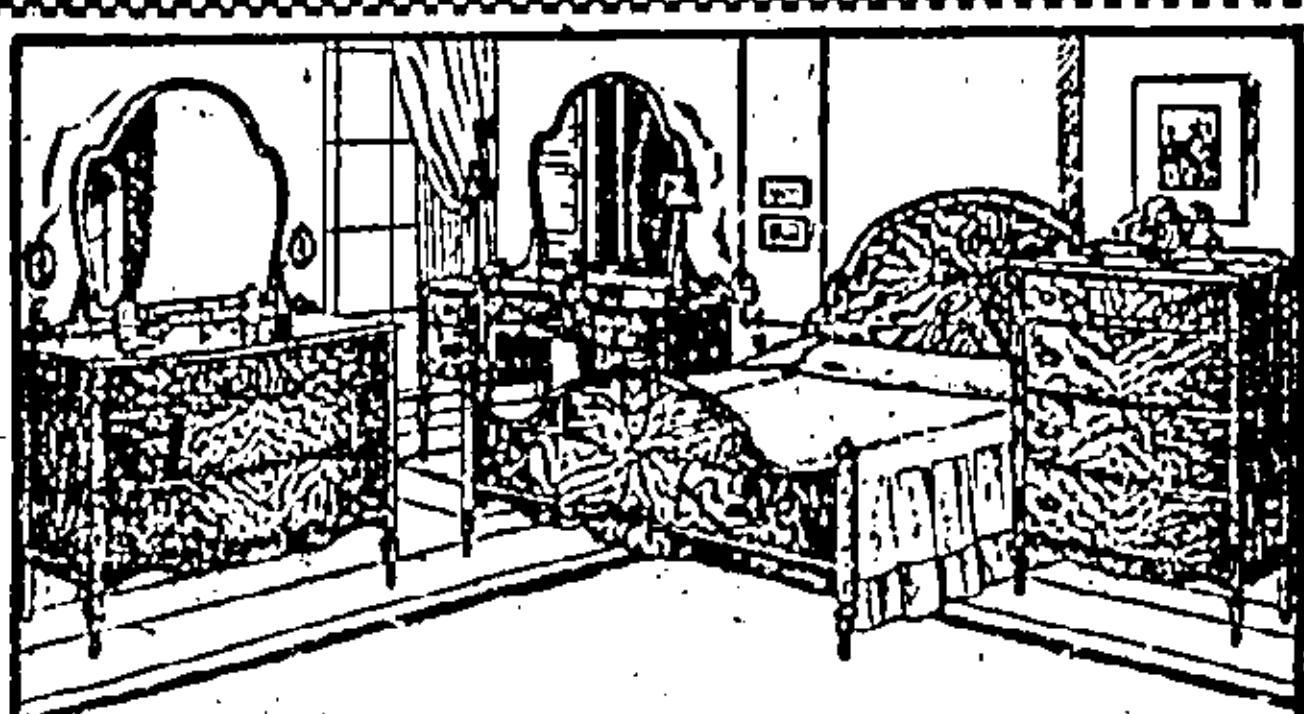
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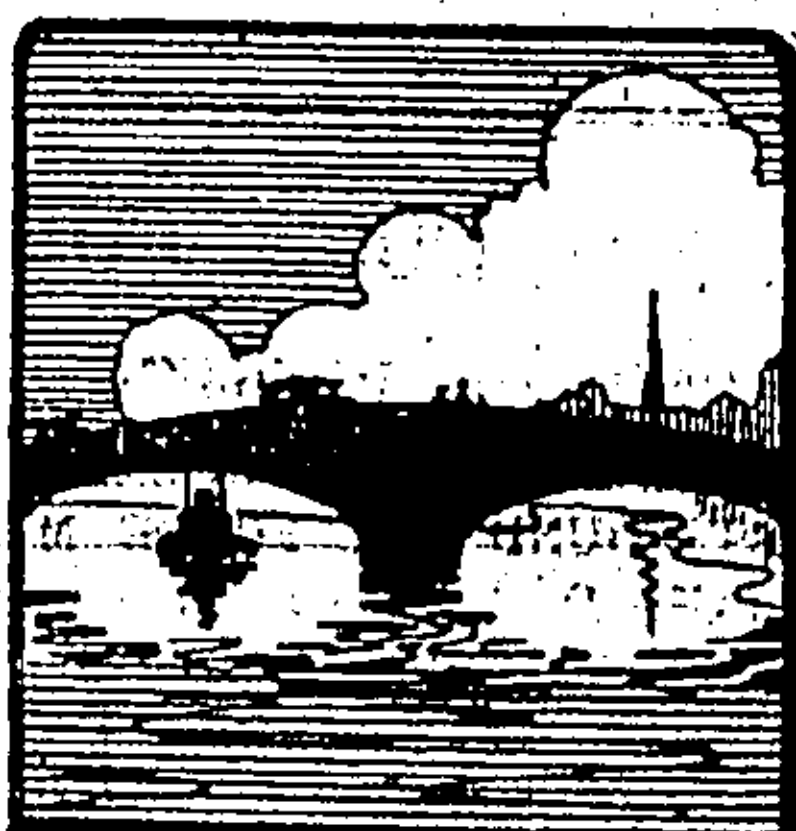
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ART OF GOVERNING

Have the British lost the art of governing? This question is asked in all seriousness in a London paper by Sir Henry Dobbs, who was High Commissioner for Iraq from 1923 to 1929. After referring to the cases of India and Iraq, with which we are all quite familiar, Sir Henry asserts that in Palestine neither the Jew nor the Arab is content with us. In Egypt the electors have, whenever they have had a chance, returned anti-British representatives. Ceylon is fermenting (though not so violently as India) and few have a good word for the new constitution. Only from Singapore and the Malay States do no serious murmurs rise against us. Hong Kong comes in for no mention—honourable or otherwise. Perhaps he is not aware of its existence on the Empire map! At any rate he proceeds to ask three questions:—

"Can it be that the Anglo-Saxon races have lost their power of governing? Or is it merely that they have been climbing up the wrong rope and have hitherto been too proud to climb down and try another? Have they not been too sure that they alone are successful colonists, and that they have nothing to learn from other nations?"

Then follows a comparison of conditions in the French Colonies, where the impression is given that the French are enthusiastic believers in the superiority of French culture, and keep before them the clear aim of its advance-

ment. There is a constantly increasing association of the natives with the administration, a firm French hold on the reins of government, and a firm support of French commerce. Some hint that the French hold the secret of familiar contact and friendship with Eastern and African races which is denied to the cold and distant Anglo-Saxon, and that the foundations of the movement against British Imperialism are laid in social antipathy.

On the other hand, says the writer, in a British dependency nowadays one finds that the British have lost faith in themselves and their mission. The heart has gone out of them; they have no propaganda spirit. They cannot tell what they are working for. It is not the greater power of the Empire, for that cannot be achieved by a disruptive autonomy of its parts. It is not Imperial trade, for our rivals are daily taking larger shares of the trade of our dependencies. It is not the spread of British culture, for everywhere the cry is for the restoration of the vernaculars to a leading place in education. Some believe that the modern British official and trader have sacrificed their souls to sport, that they have lost the spirit of devotion to their work and the seriousness of their characters, and that tennis, golf, and polo play the chief part in their lives. Still others attribute the want of touch between the British and the people among whom they live to the increase of clerical work, which keeps them glued to their desks, with their noses buried in reports. Finally, Sir Henry Dobbs advocates that a strong Commission should be sent to selected dependencies of France and, perhaps, Holland, to inquire into their administrative and representative systems, the comparative burden of their taxation, their treatment of the local Press, and their relations with the governing Power. "We should find that we had much to learn, even if we had something to avoid."

It will be conceded that the indictment against British administration overseas is rather strong, but we must agree that where faults do exist it is the duty of Britons to seek to remedy them. Can it be said truthfully of Hong Kong, for instance, that the British official and the British merchant have lost the spirit of devotion to their work; that sport plays too great a part in their lives; or that an increase of clerical work keeps them glued to their desks, with their

noses buried in reports? What obtains in French or Dutch colonies and dependencies is not really vital to us here in Hong Kong, although, of course, we should never be too high and mighty to learn from others in the desire to bring our own administration as near perfection as possible. Conversely, it would be profoundly interesting to ascertain what a French or a Dutch Commission would have to report on administrative conditions in Hong Kong, to mention no other British overseas Possession. Being as concerned as he apparently is over the decline in the British art of governing, perhaps Sir Henry Dobbs could take the initiative in securing the despatch of British, French, and Dutch Commissions. If that were possible their reports, jointly and severally, might induce him to take a more roseate view than he does at the moment of the British art of governing overseas!

News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of diphtheria was notified during the week-end.

Mr. J. H. Jessen, senior partner of the firm of Messrs. Jessen and Co., (China), Pedder Building, passed away in Hamburg, on Thursday.

The Eliot Hall annual concert and dance will be held on Saturday at 8 p.m. Graduates who were members of this hostel are cordially welcome.

A fine of \$172 or two months' imprisonment was imposed on Kwok Choi Yiu in the Kowloon Court this morning for having two jars of dutiable liquor on board his boat.

An interesting sermon on the subject, "If Christ came, what would He think of Our Social System?" was preached by the Rev. N. V. Halward, M.A., M.C., in St. Andrew's Church yesterday evening.

A Chinese woman, Wong Kwai, attempted to commit suicide by jumping from a window into the street at 24, Bridges Street at midday on Saturday. She was removed to the Government Civil Hospital and died from a fractured skull shortly after admission.

An unknown Chinese, thought to be a refugee, was accidentally drowned while being chased by the villagers of Cheung Wan Village, who evidently thought he was there for no good purpose. The man was found concealed in a haystack and tried to escape by swimming the channel to the opposite shore. He was seen to disappear, but the body has not yet been found.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth, A.S.P., who has been acting as Director of Criminal Investigation, during the absence of Mr. C. G. Perdue (who has returned to the Colony and resumed office as D.C.I.), is, we understand, to take the place of Mr. Walter Kent, A.S.P., as Assistant Superintendent of Police. Mr. and Mrs. Kent are sailing for Home on the s.s. Malwa on Saturday.

A peculiar attempt at armed robbery took place at Au Pui Lung Village, Hung Hom, yesterday when four men, armed with knives and choppers, broke into the house of Lee Sui-kee, a vegetable dealer. While they were searching the room in which Lee Sui-kee and his daughter were sleeping, one of them struck the sleeping man on the jaw. A fold managed to escape and call the Police but on their arrival the robbers had decamped, taking nothing with them.

NEW PACIFIC LINER.

MATSON COMPANY TO BUILD
HUGE VESSEL.

Officials of the Matson Steam Navigation Company announce that soon they are to start construction of a third large new liner.

The new vessel, to be named the Lurline Commerce, will be started as soon as the Mariposa, a new ship now under construction, is off the ways. The Mariposa will be finished this year.

The Lurline Commerce is to cost \$2,000,000 and it will join the Matson fleet of which the Lurline is the largest.

JEKYLL AND HYDE PRIEST.

Strange Intellectual
Double Life.

A decree of major excommunication—a penalty very rarely inflicted in these days—has been recently issued by the Holy Office against a priest named Turmel, belonging to the diocese of Rennes, France.

His case is singular because it reveals an intellectual double life. Jekyll-Turmel wore his cassock, celebrated Mass, and performed all his other priestly functions, while Hyde-Turmel has written book against the Church, under no fewer than fourteen assumed names, during the past 22 years—books which are described as not only heterodox but impious.

He is now an ecclesiastical outlaw. He is forbidden to attend service. If he enters a church he is to be expelled, and if he refuses to go and cannot turn out, the service must be stopped.

The faithful are required to avoid all social relations with him, even in writing. They must not live in the same house, take meals or join in prayer with him or show him any mark of politeness.

This applies to everyone except his relatives, and servants. He is also forbidden to wear any kind of ecclesiastical garb.

Intellectual Pride.

The severity of the punishment meted out to Turmel is due to the duplicity he has shown for so many years. He seems to have fallen a victim to intellectual pride at the beginning of his career.

Thirty-eight years ago, he was professor of dogmatic theology at Rennes seminary, but his teaching contained so many heterodox ideas that he was requested to resign, and, since that time, has gradually become a secret opponent of the Church to which he still outwardly belonged.

After leaving the seminary he became chaplain of an almshouse and later attached himself to another religious congregation, spending the greater part of his time among his books.

A man who knows him describes him as a "library rat," that is to say, one of those confirmed students who are never really happy unless they are surrounded by books and free from interference, who read far into the night, shun social intercourse and have very few friends.

Turmel's material wants are looked after by an old woman who is as uncommunicative as himself. He has shut himself up in his house and declines to see strangers. His brother, formerly a missionary, has broken off all relations with him since his condemnation by the ecclesiastical authorities.

Nevertheless, he continues to celebrate Mass in his own private chapel, no doubt implying that he adheres to the eternal principle of religion while disagreeing with dogmas.

Lay Opinion Severe.

By a curious coincidence, this case has come to light during the revival, at one of the Paris theatres, of a play called "Le Procureur Hallers," the hero of which does his duty as a prosecuting magistrate during the day, and at night, frequents the lowest and most disreputable places and behaves in general like a member of the criminal class.

Lay opinion seems to like Hallers better than Turmel.

As M. Clement Vautel remarks in the Journal, if a priest finds himself no longer able to believe the tenets of his Church the most elementary honesty should cause him to give up appearing as a representative of that Church and wearing a garb for which he is no longer fitted.

PROTECTION OF SHIPPING.

London Naval Treaty
Warning.

Vice-Admiral E. A. Taylor, M.P., at the Royal-United Service Institute recently uttered a note of warning regarding certain aspects of the London Naval Treaty.

"A very serious consideration," he said, "is the possibility of aircraft being employed against merchant shipping in time of war. No rules have been laid down respecting the use of aircraft for this purpose."

"The London treaty allows, in order to do this, only 25 cruisers, because of the number, 50, permitted, 25 are definitely allocated to the battle area."

"This number of cruisers is totally inadequate in the event of war if we are to give the necessary safeguard to the constant flow of vital commodities to our shores." Admiral Taylor expressed surprise that the question of possibility of merchant ships being bombed by aeroplanes had been left out of account, and insisted that this aspect of the question should not be allowed to rest.

ONE LIFE SAVED EVERY DAY.

Lifeboat Service During
1930.

The past year was, after the first month, free from the terrible storms which made 1929 memorable; but the need for an ever-vigilant lifeboat service was again shown, and once more the service proved fully equal to the demands made upon it. No fewer than 365 lives were rescued from shipwreck round the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland, a life for each day of the year, and 29 vessels were saved from destruction, or helped to safety by the lifeboats.

Their busiest time was in the wild weather of January. During that month there were gales on sixteen days, the wind in the English Channel rising to 103 miles an hour; and the lifeboats rescued 54 lives. In September 53 were rescued, and in December 44. Since the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded 107 years ago, 62,481 lives have been rescued—an average of 11 lives every week for over a century.

Although the majority of the lives rescued were British, the lifeboats again showed that they are a great international as well as a great British service. Altogether, 16 foreign vessels, belonging to nine different countries, were succoured, and 68 lives were rescued from them. Three of the vessels were French, two German, two Swedish, two Danish, two Belgian, two Greek, one Norwegian, one Japanese, and one belonging to the Free City of Danzig.

Notable Services.

The three finest services of the year were carried out by the motor lifeboats at Longhope (in the Orkneys), Hartlepool (Durham), and Selsey (Sussex). The Institution awarded a silver medal to Coxswain John Swanson (Longhope) and bronze medals to Coxswains Robert Hood (Hartlepool) and Frederick Barnes (Selsey).

Apart from these services, the most notable event of the year was the sending to the coast of the first lifeboat designed and built in order to go to the help of aeroplanes which come down at sea. The boat is stationed at Dover, where she will serve the double purpose of protecting the aeroplane traffic and the heavy passenger steamer traffic across the Straits. She is of an entirely new type, 64 ft. by 14 ft., and she is the largest and fastest motor lifeboat in the world. She has two engines, each of 275 h.p., as compared with engines of 80 h.p. which, until she was built, were the most powerful in any lifeboat on our coasts. These engines give her a speed of between 17 and 18 knots, so that she is nearly twice as fast as any other British lifeboat. She is named Sir William Hillary after the founder of the Institution.

The year was exceptionally busy for the lifeboat service in other ways. No fewer than twelve new motor lifeboats were completed and sent to their stations. Of these boats six went to the English Coast, Dover and Hythe (Kent), Brixham-on-Tweed, Newhaven (Sussex), Weymouth (Dorset), and Torbay (Devon); three went to Wales, Melfre (Anglesey), and Fishguard and Tenby (Pembrokeshire); one went to Scotland, Lerwick (Shetland Islands); one to Ireland, Ballycotton (Cork); and one to the Isles of Scilly (St. Mary's). There are now 90 motor lifeboats in the Institution's fleet of 194 boats; and another 15 motor lifeboats are under construction.

Royal Assistance.

The year was notable for the help which the lifeboat service received from the Royal Family. In July, the Prince of Wales named the new motor lifeboat at Dover, the Duke of Gloucester named the Princess Mary, the new motor lifeboat at Padstow, and Prince George named new motor lifeboats at Walton-on-the-Naze and Clacton-on-Sea. The Duke of Connaught issued a special appeal, in the Summer to those regiments in the army of which he is Colonel or Colonel-in-Chief. In November the King and Queen, as patrons of the Institution, the Prince of Wales, as its president, and the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, as patron of the Ladies' Lifeboat Guild, attended a variety matinee in aid of the lifeboat service, which realised a net sum of over £1,434.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of February 23, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/6 %.

The cracker factory at Ho Man Tin, Yuenai, was the scene of an explosion at about 2.30 this afternoon. At 8 o'clock this evening ten bodies have been recovered and removed to the mortuary. The building in which a less serious explosion took place some months ago was burnt to the ground.

HISTORIC FIND IN MESOPOTAMIA.

Flights of Stairs Beneath Moon-God's Temple.

ROYAL VAULTS.

The tombs of kings who reigned 4,000 years ago at Ur of the Chaldees, in Mesopotamia, have been discovered by the joint expedition from the British Museum and the Pennsylvania University Museum, under the leadership of Dr. Leonard Woolley.

This is one of the most remarkable archaeological discoveries on record. It goes back nearly 1,000 years before Tutankhamen reigned in Egypt, and comes only about 2,000 years after the Flood. It is about the time of Abraham and long before Moses.

The tombs that have been found are those of the great kings of the third dynasty—about 2400-2300 B.C.

This third dynasty was the great age of the prosperity of Ur, and its kings, Ur-Bagur, Dunkel, and Dur-Sin, are famous in history.

A building, with bricks bearing the name of Dur-Sin, was reached at the end of the exploration of the previous season. This, on further investigation, proved to be an annex built by that monarch to a much larger building—a temple of his father Bani.

Below the floor of both are tombs—large and lofty chambers, with corbel vaults which are, it is announced, unquestionably, the tombs of the kings.

Dur-Sin's tomb contains a high platform from which descend flights of stairs to chambers or passages of which the exploration is not completed.

Plundered Buildings.

All the buildings were, unfortunately, completely plundered when Ur fell a victim to the Elamite invaders, more than 2,000 years before Christ; but structurally they are, it is said, of great interest, and the possibilities of the site are not yet exhausted.

These discoveries rank in importance with the most notable in recent years made by the joint expedition.



Professor: "Bother! I have forgotten why I am hurrying and where I am going!"
Mecca, Vienna.

pedition. In January 1927 the expedition found near the excavated grave of Prince Mes-Kalam-Dug a treasury of golden offerings, dedicated to the dead ruler of about 2500 B.C.

There included an ornate gold chariot heavily decorated with gold figures and ornaments, drawn by two cases, and a twelve-stringed harp the upright of which was capped and bound with gold.

The body of the king who was buried there was not found. Probably, as in so many instances, the tomb was rifled at an early date, but many other bodies were in the grave shaft.

Back to Noah.

The expedition has made valuable discoveries throwing light on ancient civilisations both before and after the Flood. The explorers have passed back through the ruins of the buildings inhabited by Abraham and his contemporaries to ages which stretch as far as Noah, and even earlier. They have proved the existence of pre-Flood buildings and a pre-Flood civilisation.

In other part of the world traces had been found of civilisation before 4000 B.C.—the approximate date now assigned for the great Euphrates flood—but the expedition under Dr. Woolley has been the first to discover traces of civilisation in the land which the Flood actually covered.

Many of their discoveries came to the explorers as a complete surprise. In one notable instance they had no knowledge in advance that they were uncovering a royal burial-place, and had no idea of the presence of wonderful gold ornaments, gold headpieces, gold lyres, and golden bulls which were hidden in a royal cemetery.

The kings of Ur whose tombs have now been found ruled all Babylonia, it is said, from the Persian Gulf, to the Mediterranean. They came after the fall of the empire of King Sargon, whose seat was Babylon. They built, or rebuilt, the famous temples of the Moon-God at Ur.

King Ur-Bagur built, about 2300 B.C., the celebrated "great wall of Ur," which ran along the top of a rampart two and a quarter miles long, at least 20ft. high, and from 70 to 90ft. wide.

This wall has disappeared, but Dr. Woolley's expedition has uncovered the great pyramidal mound

BRILLIANT STUDENT POISONED.

Death After Visit to a Cinema.

The death by poisoning of a brilliant student, was revealed at the inquest at Watford recently. The dead man was John Frederick Felix Trotter, aged 20, a student at the Imperial College of Science, South Kensington. He took his Bachelor of Science degree with honours six months ago.

The verdict was that death was caused by acute irritant poisoning self-administered by misadventure. Percival Kenneth Davis Trotter, the father, said that his son was studying organic chemistry. In the afternoon he went with his brother to a cinema, and in the evening went out alone to do some shopping. Returning home, he had a bath and went to bed. Shortly afterwards he rushed downstairs calling "Mother!" They asked him what was the matter. He said "I feel very queer. Where is the salt?"

Drank Salt and Water.

His mother gave him a handful of salt, and he drank salt and water. Suddenly he collapsed. He did not regain consciousness. Mr. Trotter said he thought his son died when he collapsed.

Replying to the deputy coroner, Mr. Trotter said his son had a small laboratory adjoining his bedroom. He did not hear his son go into the laboratory when he went to bed.

The coroner: Were there any poisons in his bedroom?—I don't know. I expect there were I know nothing of chemistry.

Mr. Trotter added that he thought his son had been overworking. David Kenneth Trotter, a student at an engineering college at Chelsea, described a visit to a cinema with his brother on the afternoon before the tragedy.

He said he did not think that his brother experimented with drugs on himself.

Taken Hours Before.

The coroner: Did anyone in the film take his life?—A Chinese took his life in the end.

By what means?—He prepared some poisoned tea and drank it. Did your brother pass any comment or discuss the scene with you?—No, but he thought the film was good.

Was he susceptible to what he saw?—He thought deeply, but I do not think it would affect him.

Dr. Glyn Hall said that Trotter was dead when he arrived. He could find nothing to indicate the cause of death. There was no corrosion of the tongue or lips. A post-mortem examination suggested that some acute irritant poison had been taken. He could not say without analysis what that poison was. It had probably been taken some hours before.

TORY WIN.

SIR T. INSKIP AT TOP OF THE POLL.

12,437 MAJORITY.

London, Saturday.

The by-election at Fareham, Hampshire, due to the retirement of Sir John Davidson, M.P. (Unionist) who has represented the Division since 1918, resulted in a Conservative victory.

The voting was as follows:—Sir Thomas Inskip (Cons.) 18,749 Mr. Pearson (Labour) 6,312 Mr. Cross (Liberal) 3,517

Conservative majority 12,437

—Reuter.

[Sir Thomas Inskip was Solicitor-General from 1922-1924, and during the War served in the Naval Intelligence Division at the Admiralty.]

known as the Ziggurat, which had great flights of wide stairs going right up its sides, something like the historic temple that Cortez found in Mexico.

In Abraham's Days. The rampart was built before the time of Abraham—who migrated from Ur to Palestine—and in Abraham's days it had along the top of it a line of public buildings and houses which served as a wall.

At that time the river Euphrates ran along one side of the city of Ur, although since then the river has moved its course about ten miles away.

Ur had a large harbour, with many connecting waterways, and Dr. Leonard Woolley has said that in Abraham's days Ur was a kind of Venice, with ocean-going ships moored almost at the gates of the Moon-God's temple.

Dugl, one of the kings whose tombs have now been found, reigned over fifty-one years. Ur was in those days a great centre of commerce, and explorers have actually found tablets on which are recorded business contracts, and other documents relating to trade.

KING FIRED AT.

HIS ADJUTANT SHOT IN THE HEAD.

FIRE RETURNED.

Vienna, Saturday.

Two men were arrested to-day whilst attempting to assassinate King Zogu of Albania. Both are Albanians—Aziz Cami, an ex-captain of Artillery, and Ndok Gjellasi, who belonged to the Albanian Gendarmerie. They were wearing evening dress and



approached the Royal party as the King was about to enter his motor car outside the Opera House.

They opened a fusillade at point blank range. The King's attendants immediately surrounded His Majesty and returned the fire. Apparently all carried revolvers in their hip pockets.

The King's Adjutant, Major Topolai, was shot twice in the head and died on the spot. The Court Minister, Libohova, although twice wounded, continued to fire his revolver.

One of the assailants was pursued and caught and roughly treated by the crowd. He was found to have discharged seven cartridges. The two assailants are reported to have been subsidised by friends in Albania and Albanian residents in Vienna.

The police visited a number of the latter's homes at night time and made several arrests.—Reuter.

VACANT CHAIR.

STATUE WANTED IN TRAFALGAR-SQUARE.

Who will occupy London's vacant pedestal? It stands in Trafalgar-square obviously made for a statue, and is an exact copy of the pedestal supporting Chantrey's equestrian George IV.

It is one of the finest statue sites in London, and its emptiness renders the square lopsided, as if a statue had been removed for cleaning.

Statues are squeezed and slid into uncomfortable London corners—Westminster Abbey is admitted—by a "soup of sculpture"—public gardens are statue packed, while in Trafalgar-square, which might be called the "Coronet of London," there is still a setting without a stone.

It is "To Let." "It is not reserved for anybody, and we have no intention of putting anybody up there—yet," said an official of the Office of Works.

A fascinating little, "yet," it would be tactless to suggest who might be on the "hoodoo" pedestal in the near future, but all Londoners should find it amusing to suggest who might have been erected there.

Captain Fryatt? Was it for some military nabob who disgraced himself, some great scribe who began to "pot boil," some Guards of the past who married an actress?

A mounted Earl Haig would give a noble finish to the unfinished border of Trafalgar-square. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle? Sir Henry

Segrave? We have Nurse Cavell. Would Captain Fryatt be considered? Why not a dashing equestrian remembrance of "Bonnie Prince Charlie" to please Jacobite Londoners? But Oliver Cromwell would look very splendid there.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Old Tonbridgians' Dinner.

Saturday—Eliot Hall annual concert and dance, 8 p.m.

March 5—R.A.O.B. Regatta Dance, Garrison Lecture Hall.

March 20—Yorkshire Society Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre, "The Golden Calf."

To-day—Central Theatre, "Big Pond."

To-day—Majestic Theatre, "Lucky Boy."

To-day—Star Theatre, "Hotel Imperial."

To-day—World Theatre, "Hung Lin Tsi," (Chinese picture).

March 7, 10, 13, 14—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Auction.

Wednesday—At 6, United Terrace, Ho Mun Tin, Kowloon, household furniture, 10.30 a.m.

Home Mail.

To-day—Inward from America and ports (Empress of Russia and President Lincoln); Outward for Europe via Siberia, 6 p.m. (President Grant).

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., 11.30 a.m.

Thursday—Ladies' Recreation Club, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m.

Friday—Hong Kong Tramways, Jardine, Matheson & Co.'s Office, noon.

Saturday—Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation City Hall, 11.30 a.m.

March 5—H.K. Canton, Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., Queen's Building, 11 a.m.

March 11—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

MINE EXPLOSION.

29 CASUALTIES, 1,850 FEET UNDERGROUND.

Cologne, Saturday.

Twenty-five miners are dead and four seriously hurt, whilst ten are suffering from gas poisoning in the Eschweiler pit at Nothberg, where an explosion occurred 1,850 feet underground when eighty miners were working. A number of men is still in the pit.—Reuter.

DAME MELBA ILL.

Sydney, Saturday.

Dame Melba is in a very grave condition.—Reuter.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

HONG KONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE PRESIDENT and COMMITTEE of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society have been reluctantly compelled to CANCEL the Annual Show of Flowers and Vegetables to be held at the City Hall on February 26, owing to the adverse effect of the prevailing bad weather on the plants and vegetables.

J. T. BAGRAM, Hon. Secretary, Hong Kong, February 23, 1931.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931, both days inclusive. Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.

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LOCAL FOOTBALL.

SHANGHAI DEFEAT CHINESE TEAM.

VISITORS' GREAT DEFENCE.

A huge crowd assembled on the Club ground on Saturday to witness Shanghai defeat the Chinese by the only goal of the match. Once again Shanghai's defence was the feature of their play, and came through with flying colours against the persistent onslaughts of the Chinese forwards. The Shanghai forwards were weak in front of goal, particularly Murphy and Widmore, and missed numerous good scoring chances, but on the run of the play Shanghai were well worth their one-goal victory. Owing to the great attraction of the visiting eleven's match, League engagements were severely curtailed, no Division I games being played at all. In Division II four games only were played. The Navy had another day out at the expense of the Athletic, scoring ten goals against one. The Argyls helped themselves to two points from Eastern after a hard tussle. Eastern's once bright chances of being League champions are now considerably dimmed, with the Navy in their present form. Kowloon advanced one place up the table, South China going down before them by the odd goal in three. The Club experienced little difficulty in putting three goals past the lowly placed Recreio. St. Joseph's failed to put in an appearance at Sookunpo, although the Artillery waited until long past the appointed time for the commencement of the game.

RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

H.K. Chinese	0	Shanghai	1
Recreio	0	Club	3
Navy	10	Athletic	1
Eastern	1	Argyls	2
South China	1	Kowloon	2

GOAL SCORERS.

Division I.	Goals
Nash (Navy)	3
Kirkby (Navy)	2
Potts (Navy)	2
Strange (Club)	2
Jackson (Club)	2
Morgan (Navy)	1
Shirras (Navy)	1
Branch (Navy)	1
Cotton (Kowloon)	1
Brown (Kowloon)	1
Alexander (Argyls)	1
Davidson (Argyls)	1
Lee Ring-long (Eastern)	1
Fung King-yui (Athletic)	1
Wong Kwong-kwan (St. China)	1

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
South China	12	10	1	0	59	12	24
Argyls	14	9	5	0	35	28	18
Athletic	13	8	1	4	23	18	17
Kowloon	12	7	2	3	31	20	16
Recreio	13	7	1	5	25	15	15
Navy	12	7	0	5	31	23	14
Borderers	12	6	1	5	30	19	13
Police	13	6	1	6	18	27	12
R.A.	13	3	0	10	15	41	6
Club	14	2	10	1	12	58	6
St. Joseph's	13	2	11	0	17	44	4

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	20	16	4	0	89	24	32
Borderers	16	12	2	2	57	17	26
Eastern	17	12	1	4	36	13	25
Argyls	16	11	3	2	39	19	24
Club	19	7	3	9	25	26	21
Athletic	18	7	4	7	20	27	18
University	16	7	3	6	31	20	17
Kowloon	18	6	10	2	18	37	14
South China	18	12	1	5	42	25	13
R.A.	16	3	1	12	8	6	6
Recreio	17	0	14	3	6	50	3

INTERPORT DINNER.

Souvenirs to Messrs. Hollands and Pote-Hunt.

At the Interport dinner held in the Peninsula Hotel on Saturday, Mr. R. M. Dyer, C.B.E., President of the Football Association, welcomed the Shanghai visitors and the guests.

Before presenting the Interport Cup to the captain of the Shanghai team, Mr. Clark, the local captain, admitted that the better team won and he must therefore congratulate them.

The toast of the Shanghai team was proposed by Mr. Dyer. Mr. Stanley Gash responded. Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse, C.I.F., one of the Vice-Presidents of the H.K.F.A., said that one thing which pleased him most was the fact that both captains were policemen.

Mr. R. K. Duncan proposed the toast of the guests.

A tribute to the work of Mr. W. E. Hollands, the Honorary Secretary, was paid by Mr. J. Ormiston, and he presented a souvenir for Mrs. Hollands, who had assisted in making badges and in other ways.

Representatives of the Navy and Army, and Mr. H. K. Lee were also among the speakers.

Mr. Pote-Hunt, who is not returning to Shanghai, was presented with a souvenir by Mr. M. P. Campbell, manager of the team, as a token of esteem for his valuable services on the football field.

HOME FOOTBALL.

DERBY COUNTY, TRANMERE & CHESTERFIELD LOSE.

London, Saturday.

To-day's League matches resulted as under:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Arsenal	20	19	7	3	97	43	45
Aston Villa	31	17	6	8	98	60	42
Derby	30	14	7	9	74	61	35
Portsmouth	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Manchester U.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Blackburn	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Blackpool	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Derby Co.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Leeds	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Liverpool	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Huddersfield	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Sheffield W.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Grimsby	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Sheffield U.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Chelsea	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Middlesbrough	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division II.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Barnsley	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Bradford C.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Bristol C.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Bury	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Cardiff	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Charlton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Everton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Preston	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Plymouth	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Reading	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Swansea	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
W. Bromwich	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Southampton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division III.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Everton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Tottenham	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
West Brom.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Port Vale	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wolves	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Southend	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Barnsley	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Bristol C.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Reading	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Plymouth	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Cardiff	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division III—South.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Bournemouth	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Clapton O.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Coventry	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Fulham	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Northwich	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Notts Co.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Queen's P.R.	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Swindon	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Thames	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Walsall	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Watford	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division III—North.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Darlington	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Doncaster	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Gateshead	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Hull	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Lincoln	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Nelson	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
New Brighton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Stockport	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wigan	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division III—East.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Tranmere	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Stockport	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wrexham	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wigan	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Southport	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Carlisle	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
York	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Accrington	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Doncaster	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Northampton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Reading	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Plymouth	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Cardiff	30	12	10	8	64	65	34

Division III—West.

Team	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Lincoln	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Tranmere	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Stockport	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wrexham	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Wigan	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Southport	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Carlisle	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
York	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Accrington	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Doncaster	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
Northampton	30	12	10	8	64	65	34
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Division III—South.

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SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Two records went by the board.

NEW TIMES.

Two records went by the board at the Hong Kong University Annual Athletic Sports, held on Saturday at the University ground on Saturday. Lee Hah-leong clipping two fifths of a second from the 100 yards record of 10.2/5 seconds, which has stood since 1926, and D. Oppenheim putting the shot thirty-three feet, two and a half inches, the increase of 21 inches.

THE RESULTS.

The results were as follows:—

Discus Throw:—N. Vargassoff (Morrison), D. Oppenheim (May), P. L. Tan (Eliot), T. K. Lien (St. John's).

Distance:—93 feet 5 1/4 inches.

Javelin Throw:—D. Oppenheim (May), A. B. Suliman (Lugard), K. T. Loke (Eliot), Gosano (Ricci).

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CRICKET.

CRAIGENGOWER LOSE TO
KOWLOON C.C.

BRACE SCORES CENTURY.

The Kowloon C.C. avenged their two previous reverses, in friendly fixtures, at the hands of the Craigengower C.C., by administering a heavy defeat on the Happy Valley team on Saturday. In Division I of the Cricket League, W. Brace compiled another undefeated century, but his display was not altogether without blemish. With their bowlers in a destructive mood, the Hong Kong C.C. found little difficulty in capturing full points at the expense of the Royal Navy.

The second team of the Civil Service C.C., who are strong challengers for the junior championship, had their undefeated career checked by the Police R.C. who held them to a draw game. The C.S.C.C. are, nevertheless, still the most favourably-placed side for the honours.

With H. Overy in irresistible bowling form, the K.C.C. easily accounted for Craigengower C.C. in a most convincing manner, and thus brought off the "double" against that Club.

League I.

CENTURY PARTNERSHIP FOR
KOWLOON C.C.

BRACE'S ALL-ROUND PLAY.

At the K.C.C. the Kowloon Cricket Club defeated the Craigengower Cricket Club by 91 runs.

W. Brace, not out 100
E. C. Fincher, b. Gittins 61
W. C. Hung, not out 1
Extras 6

Total (for 1 wkt., dec.) 168
F. Zimmermann, E. F. Fincher, J. C. Lyall, F. Goodwin, F. E. Lawrence,
N. A. E. McKay, G. C. Burnett and
H. Hampton did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Omar 11 3 30 0
R. Lee 12 3 51 0
A. T. Lee 10 3 19 0
Sourbutts 10 2 39 0
Gittins 5 0 23 1

Craigengower C.C.
H. P. Lim, st. Mackay, b. Zimmermann 29
S. V. Gittins, c. Lyall, b. Goodwin 0
A. T. Lee, c. E. C. Fincher, b. Lyall 5
E. Zimmermann, b. Hung 14
U. M. Omar, c. E. F. Fincher, b. Brace 9
Brace 5
A. B. Hanson, l.b.w., b. Brace 0
J. L. Youngs, c. Hampton, b. Brace 5
R. Sourbutts, b. Goodwin 1
R. Lee, not out 0
R. C. Reed, b. Zimmermann 2
Extras 12

Total 77
W. Patterson absent (hurt).

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Goodwin 8 5 21 2
Lyall 7 1 17 1
Hung 4 1 14 1
Zimmermann 4 3 2 5
Brace 5 1 8 3

CLUB BOWLERS IN FINE
FORM.

NAVY DEFEATED.

On their own ground, the Hong Kong C.C. defeated the Royal Navy by seven wickets.

Scores:—
Royal Navy.
Mid. Jowitt, c. and b. Beck 34
Sub. L. Mundy, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker 8
Mid. Ponsbury, b. Bennett 5
So. Ldr. Boumphey, c. Owen Hughes, b. Bowker 4
Lt. Comdr. Lane, c. Pearce, b. Beck 32
Eng. Lt. Comdr. Bennett, c. Bowker, b. Reid 11
Lt. Warre, b. Beck 0
Lt. Comdr. Brunton, b. Beck 4
Lt. Comdr. Hendley, b. Reid 0
Pay Lt. Comdr. Harkins, not out 1
Extras 25

Total 124
BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Bowker 9 0 24 4
Reid 12 1 34 2
Owen Hughes 5 0 26 0
Beck 8 3 15 4

Hong Kong C.C.
T. E. Pearce, c. Hendley, b. Jowitt 12
E. R. Duckitt, not out 56
O. E. C. Marton, b. Bennett 14
W. Riggs, b. Ponsbury 10
H. Owen Hughes, not out 22
Extras 38

Total (for 3 wks.) 147
K. H. Batger, A. Reid, A. C. Beck, A. C. I. Bowker, J. R. Hinton and E. J. R. Mitchell did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Jowitt 9 0 39 1
Bennett 5 1 23 0
Boumphey 5 1 20 0
Ponsbury 2 0 17 1

League II.

POLICE HOLD C.S.C. TO
DRAWN GAME.

ALEXANDER'S DEFENCE.

On their own ground, the Civil Service C.C. 2nd XI drew with the Police R.C.

Scores:—
Civil Service II.
F. E. Mathews, b. Baker 13
J. M. Wilson, b. Hunter 8
S. Randle, c. McMahon, b. Baker 30
J. McGowan, c. and b. King 10
E. R. Duckitt, b. King 0
E. C. K. Hawkins, b. Hunter 89
W. H. Edmunds, b. Bowker 8
D. R. Kelly, c. Laughlin, b. Hunter 33

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H. E. Strange, not out 10
A. W. Grimmit, not out 14
Extras 8
Total (for 8 wks., dec.) 169
J. Wilmet did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
O. M. R. W.
Baker 13 1 55 2
Hunter 9 0 41 3
Alexander 7 0 39 0
King 5 1 13 2
Bowker 2 0 13 1

Police R.C.
W. E. Meadows, b. McGowan 2
P. H. Loughlin, b. McGowan 4
F. E. E. Bowker, c. McGowan, b. Edmunds 0
T. Shepherd, c. and b. Randle 15
C. F. Alexander, not out 41
T. R. Hunter, l.b.w., b. Hawkins 10
T. H. King, b. Hawkins 10
B. G. Baker, c. Randle, b. Grimmit 11
A. Reynolds, run out 7
Extras 24

Total (for 8 wks.) 169
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O. M. R. W.
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C.S.C.C. 1 2 1 1 12 7
R.A. 3 2 0 1 9 6
University 3 2 0 1 9 6
H.K.C.C. 4 1 3 0 12 6
K.C.C. 4 1 1 2 12 4
Navy 6 1 0 5 18 3
C.C.C. 4 0 0 4 12 0

League II.
P. W. D. L. Pos. Pts
H.K.C. 2 7 0 1 21 21
C.S.C.C. 6 5 1 0 18 16
University 4 3 1 2 14 10
K.C.C. 6 4 1 1 18 13
H.K.C.C. 7 3 1 3 21 10
Police 8 2 2 4 24 8
H.A.S.C. 8 2 1 5 24 7
C.C.C. 7 1 3 3 21 6
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CRIMINALS LEFT WITH OLD LAGS.

How a "Rat" Saved a Hardened Convict.

PRISON REVELATIONS.

The astounding revelations of a convict's life, written by an ex-public schoolboy which have begun in the Daily Express, have aroused unusual interest because of their obvious honesty and sincerity of purpose.

The writer, who was released from prison last month, says a mail week issue of the paper, after a sentence of five years penal servitude during which he earned a year's remission, kept a diary which he wrote in an ingenious figure code.

He was allowed by the authorities to take his diary from prison. It consisted of nine books of figures.

The substance of this, his second article, deals with the association of young prisoners with hardened criminals, and the hardship and evil that can arise from such circumstances.

There are habitual criminals at—those who are allowed "valets" during the time they serve their sentence.

This astounding statement is the result of the system which obtains there. I would like to explain very briefly the system of classification in operation.

When a young man enters prison for the first time, without having served any previous terms of imprisonment, he is described as a "star class" man. The "main" class consists of young men who have served small local sentences or have been fined but have never served terms of penal servitude before. They form nearly half the population of the prison, and are called the intermediate or "stripe" class, because they wear a red stripe on their arm.

The remainder of the men are known as recidivists, or, more popularly "old lags." They are the hardened, habitual criminals, many of whom, on completing their terms of imprisonment, have to be removed to a preventive detention prison.

Nearly all members of the "stripe" class could be reclaimed and made good citizens. The old lags openly boast that they prefer a life of crime to any other.

My diary for August 1923 says: "X, a London youth, aged twenty-one, never been in prison before, applied to-day to be put in engineers' shop, and allowed to learn trade for start in life. He was refused. Y, leader international gang safe breakers, who boasts been attending the prison for the last twenty-five years, applies for same thing and is drafted to engineers."

Two days later I have recorded in my diary: "Heard to-day that a 'stripe' boy been given job as labourer to Y."

Thus Y, the hardened criminal and the youth who has hitherto been free from crime, are thrown together for hours every day, and evil contamination is inevitable in the youth.

A later entry, made in the early days of 1929, recalls that a young "stripe" prisoner, acting as labourer to an "old lag" with a life-long record of previous sentences, strongly resents recurrent suggestions to lead a life of crime and one day strikes the "old lag" who made them.

Most imprisoned man. The youth was immediately reported, and part of his heavy punishment was that he was removed from the trades party.

An entry made in the middle of 1928 reveals the following amazing story:—

"B, who was discharged from the engineers' shop a few months ago, is back again. I remember his boast, just before he left that he was the most imprisoned man in Britain."

"I overheard him relate his subsequent adventures to Z (a high official, now retired). B said, 'I'm back again, but they sent me to—this time. I have had a hard job to wrangle it back here. I managed it with my heart. What about my old job in the engineers' shop? I was only out seven days when they got me.' Z replied, 'You may go in the engineers' to-morrow.'"

Afterwards I discovered that B had been sent elsewhere, and, finding it not quite as congenial as the engineers' shop at the other prison, had managed to travel back at public expense because of an alleged weak heart. Curiously enough, within a day of his return he was his own cheerful self again, and heart troubles had been forgotten. He was supplied with a young "stripe" as labourer, or, as we called it, "valet."

Indiscriminate Mixing. Two months ago a young "stripe" respectfully applied for permission to be separated from an old habitual criminal to whom he was compelled to act as labourer in the engineers' shop. Within a few days he was unobtrusively removed from the trades party and placed in the non-skilled labouring section.

One stroke of the pen can introduce one of the greatest reforms in the history of prison administration. That is the abolition of the present system of indiscriminately mixing young prisoners with "old lags."

If a system of setting up parties of men belonging to one classification only in the trades departments were established, the fear of young men serving their first sentences being corrupted and taught "the tricks of the criminal trades" by the experienced criminals with whom they are forced to associate would be removed.

Officials of the prison who were well disposed towards me have stated to me that the Home Office originally intended trades parties and instructors to be used to give young prisoners a chance to learn

an honest trade, so that they would have an alternative to crime in their future lives. These officials frankly deplored the practice of automatically reserving places in the trades parties for "old lags," who, incidentally, turned the knowledge they gained in such parties as the engineering shops to unlawful purposes after their release from prison.

The most favoured class of prisoner is known as the "red collar" man. These men have the absolute freedom of the prison, and go where they like in the course of their duties. They walk about without any wardens in attendance.

The most appalling discovery I ever made during my four years was that 90 per cent. of these "red collar" men had been convicted for offences on women and children.

Prison life breeds a grim humour.

My diary recalls the exploits of the most difficult prisoner in Britain. He is the man who cannot be kept in an ordinary prison cell. He is familiarly known as "Old Bill," and British newspapers some years ago, reported a case of a warder who received the O.B.E. for the recapture of an escaped prisoner from a roof. The escaped prisoner was "Old Bill."

The diary entry reads:— "Old Bill" at it again. Seven o'clock last night all quiet on land. Bill's clothes were outside his door, as his previous escapes led the authorities to adopt this procedure. Bill's door was locked. Warder's inspection O.K. Twenty minutes later all alarmed sounding escape hoover. Rumour Old Bill out."

The following day my diary records:—

"Heard to-day of Bill's amazing escapade. Bill was not in bed when warder inspected. Substituted dummy of mailbags or bed. Bill not only got out of own cell unheard, but unlocked door of his mate three cells away, and both evaded warders patrolling silent hall. Under noses of warders Bill and his companion let themselves out of hall through two heavily locked doors. Plot failed by warder seeing gas lamp turned out in the grounds. Alarm sounded immediately, and Bill and mate caught as climbing wall to final freedom. Bill in for six years and mate in for life for blackmail. Those men would have stopped at nothing had they got away."

The ingenuity of "Old Bill" is worthy of record. He was working out on fields on which there was an old rubbish heap. Here had been thrown a disused box of water paints, which had presumably been the property of a warder's child.

"Old Bill" pounced upon this box as a valuable find. Another prisoner, it is believed, reported Bill for having paints in his cell.

Warders were sent to Bill's cell to conduct a thorough search. It was here that his greatest friend, his rat, came to the rescue. The rat was ordered into its cage as soon as the warders entered the cell. Everything in that bare cell was searched, even down to "Old Bill's" clothes. The rat cage was moved to every spot on the floor. Eventually the warders retired without the paints, and "Old Bill" and the rat chuckled. Under the rat, safely ensconced in the straw, were the precious paints.

The "Torture Chamber." "Old Bill" became temporarily subdued. He had found the end of a cigarette and had been discovered by the warders in possession of it. The result was his removal to the punishment cells on a diet of bread and water.

The prison was alarmed a few Saturdays ago to find that "Old Bill" had even escaped from the punishment cells, and was agilely climbing the drain pipe to the roof of the workshops. This time he made no secret of his escape. On his rapid progress to the roof he shouted gaily to the four winds of heaven that he was free again.

Most warders in the prison were called, but in response to a command to descend "Old Bill's" flippant retort was that there was a chance for a warder to earn an O.B.E. again. Ladders were obtained, and then Bill came down quietly.

At the time of my leaving "Old Bill" was undergoing punishment in the most dreaded section of the prison, which is known as the torture chamber. Officials of the prison refer to this section vaguely as "round the back."

Here each cell consists of four bare, whitewashed walls, with a stone floor, and a tiny skylight in the roof. A wooden slab raised

BOMBAY REBUKE TO CALCUTTA.

European Association and Indian Conference.

DELEGATES' VIEWS.

Bombay, Jan. 20.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Bombay branch of the European Association passed the following resolution:—

"Having regard to the fact that the Council and members of the European Association are still without details and accurate information as regards the constitutional settlement which is being evolved with the active co-operation of the European non-official delegates, it is in the best interests of the European community of India as a whole that individual expressions of opinion should as far as possible be avoided until the new Council, in consultation with the Branch Committees throughout India, shall have had the opportunity of considering afresh the Association's policy."

Mr. T. Chapman Mortimer, acting General Secretary, said unanimity and co-operation among Europeans in India would be absolutely vital during the year ahead of them. He stressed the need of constitutional commercial safeguards by special acts in the new constitution, which would only be changeable by the Imperial Parliament not by the Central Legislature.

Also provision should be made to make discriminatory legislation impossible.

Mr. Travers's Action. The Bombay Branch's resolution is in the nature of a comment on the action of Mr. Travers, President of the European Association who, in a letter to the Press, repudiated the views expressed by Mr. Gavin Jones, one of the European non-official delegates to the Round Table Conference, in his speech in London last week.

Mr. Travers criticised Mr. Gavin Jones's acquiescence in the policy of responsible Government in the Central Administration and declared he had thus not only gone beyond British opinion in India, but failed to carry out the instructions implied in the European Association's resolution that "the members of the Governor-General's Executive should be appointed by the Governor-General to hold office for a fixed period and should not be removed by a vote of the Assembly."

Mr. Gavin Jones's Defence.

Mr. Gavin Jones, interviewed in London, defended himself on the ground that the situation had been completely changed by the attitude of the Princes and the consequent introduction of the Federal idea into the Round Table discussions.

The Madras Branch Committee meanwhile passed a resolution unanimously disapproving of the President's repudiation of Mr. Gavin Jones and the Executive Committee's action in supporting the President. Mr. G. W. Chambers, the Madras representative on the Council of the European Association, telegraphed to Calcutta: "I consider it impossible to repudiate the European delegate at the Round Table Conference"—a sentiment which the Madras Branch Committee promptly endorsed.

FRANCE'S NAVY.

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN PROGRAMME.

Paris, Saturday.

A draft of the "Compromise Plan" is reported to have been reached as the result of conversations between Mr. R. L. Craigie, of the British Foreign Office, with representatives of the Quai d'Orsay, Ministry of Marine, whereby there will be important changes in the French Naval programme.

It is understood that Mr. Craigie obtained some satisfaction, firstly, in the direction of a reduction of tonnage, particularly regarding submarines, France, however, claiming a contingent increase in destroyers as compensation; secondly, in the direction of persuading France to agree to a margin of superiority over Italy of 150,000 tons until 1936—(France claimed a margin of 240,000 tons in the course of the London Conference).

Mr. Craigie is submitting the plan to the British authorities.

[Mr. Robert Leslie Craigie, C.M.G., has been a Counsellor in the Diplomatic Service since 1922, and was the British representative on the Inter-Allied Blockade Committee from 1916-18. He has also been First Secretary and Charge d'Affaires at Washington.]

NEGLECTED ART REVIVAL.

Ceiling Painting in Fashion.

An attempt to restore the neglected art of ceiling painting has been made in London.

The painting is a long, detailed affair, full of fascinating mythological figures, prancing horses and Athenian columns.

It is noticeable that the modern ceiling artist has this advantage over his predecessors—shadow lighting shows up the beauty of his work, and emphasises its clear lines and fine colouring.

The name of the young artist, who is still in his twenties, is Nicolas de Molas. He is a nephew of the composer Rimsky-Korsakoff. This is the first ceiling he has painted in London.

"It represents astrology," he said "with all the planets personified."

"It took me months to do, but I was not slung up to the ceiling in a cradle, as I believe, some of the old artists were. I worked in my studio. The ceiling was made in three pieces."

"I have just finished a ceiling for Mrs. Maxwell Scott, of Paris," the artist went on. "It is in the dining-room, which has delightful French eighteenth century furniture."

"I studied for four years in Rome, and am now living in Paris. Among other decorations that I have done are a room in Sir Hugo de Bathe's house in Cannes and the large entrance hall in Sir Louis Mallet's house at Grasse. I have also painted a large ceiling in a drawing-room in Lady Mendil's new house in Paris."

Nicolas de Molas' work is clear and vivid in treatment, and fantastic in its vision.

One of his most successful experiments is a picture of old Paris, a panel in the home of a French financier. It looks like an antique aquatint—still and architectural, with the twin towers of Notre Dame rising above the Seine.

Is the work of the new ceiling artist destined to remain in fashion as that of his predecessors, who spent their lives painting roses, cupids, and men and women of distinction to be admired for centuries?

KING THRILLED.

HALF AN HOUR'S TALK WITH CAMPBELL.

London, Saturday.

H.M. the King received Captain Malcolm Campbell at Buckingham Palace to-day and conferred on him the accolade of Knighthood. His Majesty conversed with him for half an hour on his Daytona experiences. Reuter.

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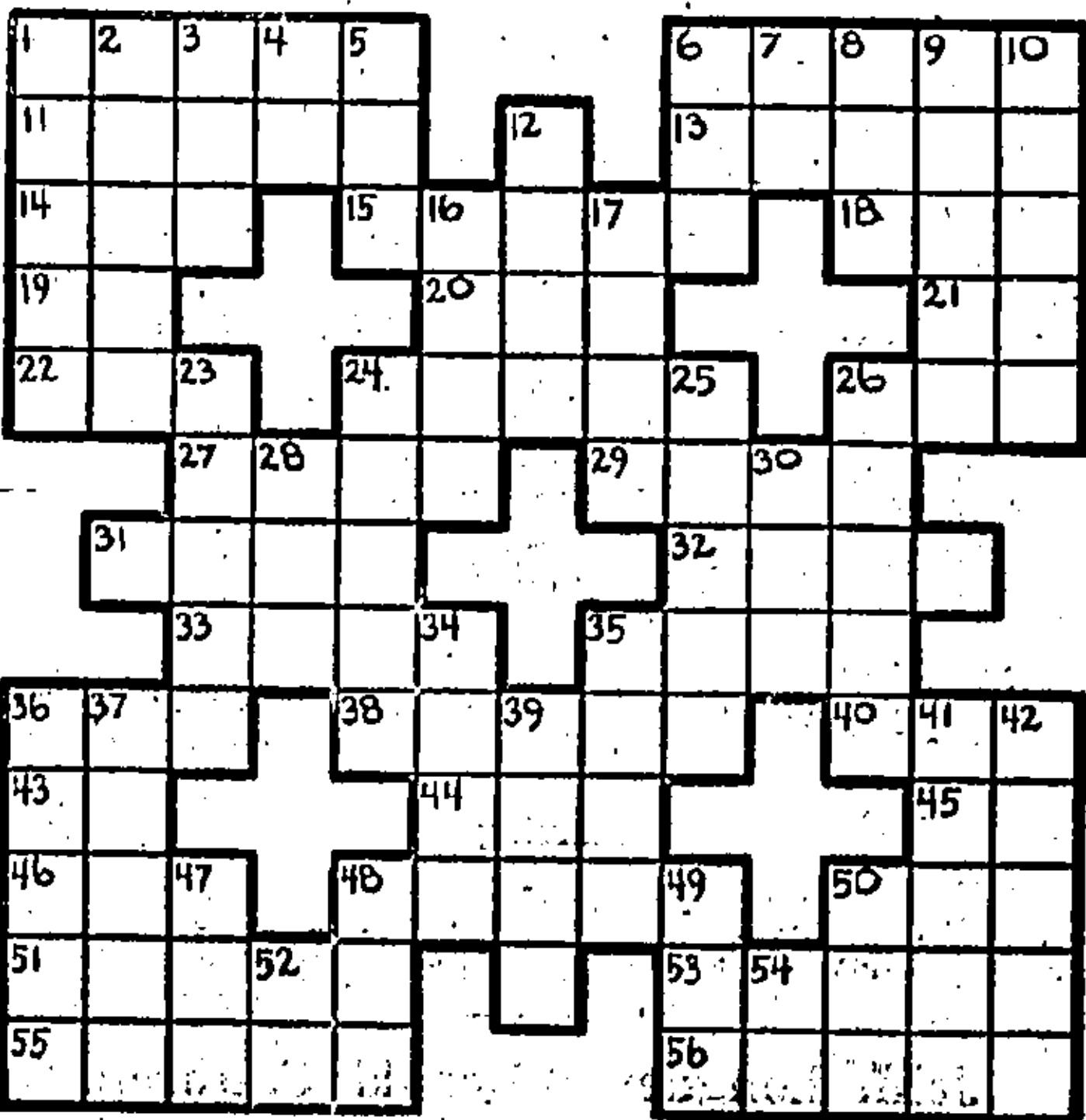
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, play, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-Portion
- 6-To travel on foot
- 11-Altitude
- 13-Viper
- 14-Skill
- 15-Manufacturing city of Prussia
- 18-God (Latin)
- 19-Right side (abbr.)
- 20-A beverage
- 21-2000 pounds (abbr.)
- 22-Even (Post)
- 24-Falafel
- 25-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 27-A high Turkish official
- 29-Cheese
- 31-Observed
- 32-A metal
- 33-Hauled
- 34-A sleeping place
- 35-The (Fr.)
- 38-74 cartridges
- 40-Masculine name (short)
- 43-Each (abbr.)

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 45-Negative reply
- 46-To grow old
- 48-Della gently
- 50-Feminine name
- 51-A strong twilled worsted stuff
- 53-Woods
- 55-Negotiate
- 56-Froth

VERTICAL

- 1-Steady gaze
- 2-Draft animal
- 3-Insect
- 4-Musical note
- 5-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 6-A color
- 7-A thoroughfare
- 8-Augment
- 9-Joins
- 10-Lying flat
- 12-At sea

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Disturb
- 17-Organ of hearing
- 23-Wants
- 24-Rows
- 25-Shore bird having long legs
- 26-To be sentimental
- 28-Meridian (abbr.)
- 29-Wordless leaving
- 34-Lick
- 35-In a new way
- 36-Smallcat
- 37-Anxious
- 39-Feminine name
- 41-Mountain range in South America
- 42-To drink the health of
- 47-Before
- 48-Place
- 49-Pen for swine
- 50-Masculine name
- 52-Southern State (abbr.)
- 54-Of age (Latin, abbr.)

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PRINCES IN CHILE.

ARRIVAL IN AMPHIBIAN
PLANE.

TO BROADCAST HOME.

Santiago de Chile, Saturday.
Flying in an amphibian plane
and escorted by six Chilean ma-
chines, the Prince of Wales and
Prince George arrived here from
Antofagasta.—Reuter's American
Service.

Reception in Chile.

Rugby, Saturday.
The Prince of Wales and Prince
George continued their journey
through Bolivia yesterday and
entered Chile at Ollague last
night. They were accorded official
reception at which the Govern-
ment was represented by the
Minister of Marine. A popular
reception awaited the Royal
visitors this morning at Antofa-
gasta and Copiapo.

In spite of many technical dif-
ficulties to be overcome in ar-
ranging the relay transmission,
the British Broadcasting Corpora-
tion hope to be able to broadcast
to English listeners the speech to
be made by Prince of Wales at
the opening of the British Em-
pire Trade Exhibition in Buenos
Aires on March 14.—British
Wireless Service.

Buenos Aires, Saturday.
Messages from Asuncion, just
over the Argentine border in
Paraguay, report that Govern-
ment troops have recaptured
Encarnacion. It was discovered
that the rebels had rifled banks
and Customs houses and decamp-
ed with the proceeds.—Reuter's
American Service.

EARL THROWN.

HEAD STRIKES A STONE IN
FALLING.

HORSE SLIPS.

London, Saturday.
Earl Harewood, husband of
Princess Mary, was thrown heav-
ily while hunting in Yorkshire,
and sustained cuts to the face and
injured his ear. The Earl's horse
fell in thick mud in taking a
hedge, and in falling the Earl
struck his head on a stone.
Princess Mary was riding close
behind but did not see the acci-
dent.

The Earl was rushed by motor
to Harewood House where several
stitches were put in his ear.—
Reuter.

AID FOR IDLE.

EMPLOYMENT TO BE FOUND
FOR 450,000.

AMERICA'S TASK.

Washington, Saturday.
President Hoover has announced
that within a month the Govern-
ment will find employment for
450,000 people. It is stated that
half a milliard dollars of the
\$700,000,000 provided for con-
struction during 1932, could be
made available immediately for
unemployment measures.—Reuter's
American Service.

DAME MELBA.

SOPRANO NOT LIKELY TO
LIVE.

STILL CONSCIOUS.

Sydney, Saturday.
The condition of Dame Nellie
Melba is reported to be very
grave. The Australian soprano
has been in a nursing home for
several weeks, suffering from a
skin infection.

Sydney, Yesterday.
Dame Melba is not expected to
live through the night, though she
is still conscious.
Near relatives are by her bedside.
—Reuter.

NEW DOLLAR LINER.

LAUNCHED BY WIFE OF
EX-PRESIDENT.

ELECTRIC DAVITS.

Newport News, Saturday.
Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the
former President, launched the new
trans-Pacific Dollar Liner President
Coolidge, a sistership of the Presi-
dent Hoover today.

The new liner is 653 feet long and
has a displacement of 23,000 tons.
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wireless, which send out automatic
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CURRENCY LOANS.

SECRET TALKS OF FRANCE AND
BRITAIN.

Paris, Saturday.
Conversations have been re-
sumed between representatives of
the British Treasury and the

U.S. NAVAL POLICY.

DEFENCE OF PANAMA
CANAL.

RESULT OF MANOEUVRES.

Washington, Saturday.
Important developments in the
naval policy of the United States
are believed to be likely as a re-
sult of recent manoeuvres for
testing the defence of the Panama
Canal Zone.

It is considered that a strong
force of aeroplanes with swift air-
craft carriers as bases would be
able to cripple a much superior
force of battleships and cruisers
before the latter could come
within range of their objective.
The Navy Department will prob-
ably press for the assignment of
a large part of the 73,000 tons
allotted to cruiser class ships, to
be used for the building of flying-
deck cruisers.

Vote Increased.

The Senate has passed the
Naval Appropriation Bill of
\$338,000,000.
The sum of \$10,000,000 has
been added to the Bill as passed
by the House of Representatives
for starting work on 11 destroy-
ers.—Reuter's American Service.

LIQUOR LAWS.

OUTCRY AGAINST THEIR
COST.

ARMED FORCES.

Washington, Saturday.
Colonel Woodcock, Director of
Prohibition, does not favour the
expenditure of vast sums of money
nor the employment of armed forces
in the United States to enforce the
liquor laws. This is disclosed in
the Wickersham Commission re-
port, the evidence of which was sent
to the Senate in compliance of the
Senate's resolution.—Reuter's
American Service.

[The Wickersham Commission,
which sat for nearly two years
enquiring into prohibition, pre-
sented its report last month. The
report was greatly criticised as
presenting many inconclusive
findings.]

French Finance Ministry. Their
nature is being kept very secret,
although the scope is unofficially
declared to embrace close Anglo-
French co-operation on currency
loans.—Reuter.

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